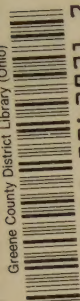


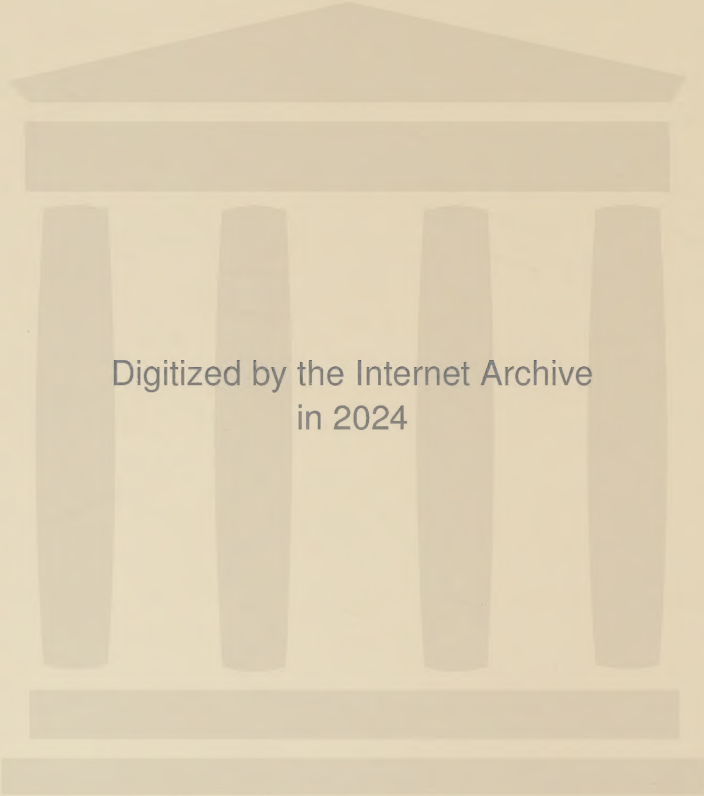
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REV. ROBERT C. GALBRAITH. A man of strong character, earnest convictions, and deep consecration, Rev. Robert C. Galbraith, of Chillicothe, who died November 18, 1916, was for upwards of forty years an active worker in the Presbyterian denomination, holding pastorates in different parts of Ohio. A son of Robert C. Galbraith, Sr., he was born in Frankfort, Ross County, Ohio, November 30, 1833, and there spent the earlier years of his life.

Robert C. Galbraith, Sr., was born, March 17, 1790, in Gortin, County Tyrone, Ireland, where his father, Andrew Galbraith, who was of Scotch descent, spent his entire life, being engaged in agricultural pursuits. Growing to manhood in Ireland, he was employed as a clerk in a mercantile establishment in County Tyrone until 1819, when he came to America, making his way directly to Chillicothe, Ohio. Soon after his arrival, he secured a position as clerk in the store of William Carson, with whom he subsequently formed a partnership, and operated a store in Frankfort for some time. At that time there were neither railroads or canals in the state, and all goods were transported from the rivers or lakes with teams. Giving up his connection with the general store in 1839, he located on a near-by farm that had been improved by his father-in-law, Elijah Johnson, and thenceforth was engaged in tilling the soil until his death, May 11, 1862.

The maiden name of the wife of Robert C. Galbraith, Sr., was Martha Johnson. She was born February 16, 1801, in Louisa County, Virginia, a daughter of Elijah and Betsey (Watkins) Johnson, natives, it is thought, of the same county. Coming with his family to Ohio in 1809, Elijah Johnson bought 1,000 acres of land in Concord Township, Ross County, and immediately began the pioneer task of improving a homestead. He succeeded well in his undertakings, and in the course of a few years erected a substantial brick house, which is still used for residential purposes, burning the bricks used in its construction on his own farm. Late in life both he and his wife moved to Montgomery County, and there lived with a son. Mrs. Robert C. Galbraith, Sr., survived her husband, passing away March 5, 1875. She reared two children, namely: Robert C., the special subject of this sketch; and Elijah J., who became a physician, and was actively engaged in the practice of his profession at Chillicothe until his death, in 1907.

Acquiring his preliminary education in the district schools, Robert C.

Galbraith was fitted for college in the academy at South Salem, Ross County, after which he continued his studies for a year at Hanover College, in Madison, Indiana. Going then to Oxford, Ohio, he was graduated from Miami University in 1853, and the following year studied theology at Princeton University. Wishing then to further advance his knowledge of theological subjects, he attended the Theological Seminary at New Albany, Indiana, which is now the McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago, Illinois. In 1856 Mr. Galbraith was licensed to preach by the Chillicothe Presbytery, and in 1857 was ordained as a minister by the Presbytery of Columbus. He soon after became pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Lancaster, Ohio, and continued active in the ministry for forty-two years, holding pastorates in Concord, Frankfort, and Chillicothe, filling the pulpit of the Third Presbyterian Church in the latter named city for seventeen years. Early in 1861, Mr. Galbraith was appointed chaplain of the Third Brigade, Ohio Volunteers, with rank of captain, and was in the service four months, being with his command in West Virginia. While pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Lancaster he was for four years chaplain at the Ohio Reform Farm.

On June 11, 1856, Mr. Galbraith was united in marriage with Margaret Lapham Pugsley, who was born in Dutchess County, New York, and died in Chillicothe, Ohio, July 24, 1912. Her parents, Jacob and Mary (Ketcham) Pugsley, natives of the same county, came with their family to Ohio, locating first in Fayette County, later settling in Dayton, from there moving to Hamilton County. Three children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith, namely: Jacob R., an attorney; Helen K., also engaged in the practice of law; and Elijah Johnson, a dentist. All are residents of Chillicothe. Mr. Galbraith was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. He is the author of a very interesting history of the Chillicothe Presbytery, which was published in 1889.

ALEXANDER RENICK. A wide-awake, brainy man, possessing a natural aptitude for dealing with matters of finance, Alexander Renick, a prominent business man of Chillicothe, holds a conspicuous position among the leading financiers of Ross County, his official connection with numerous moneyed institutions bearing testimony not only to his ability and sound judgment, but to his integrity and honesty of purpose. He was born in Chillicothe, a son of the late Alexander Renick, Sr., and grandson of George Renick, a pioneer settler of this section of Ohio. There is a well-established tradition in the family that the early ancestors of the Renicks lived in Scotland, where the name was spelled "Renwick." Moving to Holland and finally settling in Ireland, the family name assumed its present spelling.

The emigrant ancestor of Mr. Renick was George Renick, who came to America in about 1720, from Enniskillen, County of Fermanagh, Ireland. In 1738, he located in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. From there a part of his family went to Augusta County, Virginia, and a part to Hardy County, Virginia, on the south branch of the Potomac.

George Renick, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was

born in Hardy County, Virginia, July 7, 1776. Attracted by the glowing descriptions of his brother, Felix Renick, who had made several visits to the western country, he came in early manhood to the Northwest Territory, on a prospecting tour, and after spending some time seeking a suitable location, he returned to Virginia. He was married in 1802 to Dorothy Harness, and came with his bride to Ohio, journeying on horseback to Chillicothe, where he started in business as a merchant.

He bought a tract of land west of the city, and having erected a stone house thereon, assumed its occupancy in 1807. He subsequently devoted his energies entirely to the improvement of his property, and in addition to carrying on a general farming business, he made a specialty of raising blooded stock, being among the first to introduce Shorthorned cattle into this part of the state. He was the owner of the noted Shorthorn cow, Rose of Sharon, which, with her calf, he sold to Abram Renick, of Kentucky, who thus started his famous herd of Shorthorns. George Renick, with the exception of two years spent in Kentucky, remained on his home farm until his death, which occurred in September, 1863. His wife, Dorothy Harness, also a native of Hardy County, Virginia, died in September, 1820, leaving nine children, namely: William, Josiah, Harness, Mortimer, Elizabeth Ann, Alexander, Lavina, George and Dorothy. Subsequently Mr. Renick married Mrs. Sarah Boggs, who survived him.

Alexander Renick, Sr., was born at the homestead, one mile west of Chillicothe, February 11, 1815, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. Being presented, soon after attaining his majority, by his father, with a tract of land lying two miles southeast of Chillicothe, he was there successfully engaged in farming and stock raising until 1864, when he removed to Chillicothe. Previous to that time, in November, 1863, the First National Bank was organized, and he was made a director. After taking up his residence in Chillicothe, he devoted his entire time to the bank and his own private affairs, remaining here until his death, in September, 1875.

The maiden name of the wife of Alexander Renick, Sr., was Jane Osborn. She was born in Columbus, Ohio, in 1817. Her father, Ralph Osborn, whose emigrant ancestor came to New England in the good ship *Speedwell*, which followed the *Mayflower*, was a pioneer settler of Chillicothe, and when the State of Ohio was organized, he was elected state auditor, and held the position many years, spending his last days in Columbus. Mr. Osborn married Catherine Renick, a daughter of John Renick, who was a brother of William Renick, of Hardy County, Virginia. Mrs. Jane (Osborn) Renick died in October, 1886, leaving four children, namely: Ralph Osborn, Dorothy Harness, Henry Turner, and Alexander, one son, George, having died a few years previous.

Having acquired his rudimentary education in the Chillicothe schools, Alexander Renick attended the military school at West Chester, Pennsylvania, and in 1865 entered the scientific department of Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1868. Returning home, Mr. Renick operated the home farm until the death of his father, in 1875,

when he succeeded to his father's position as a director of the First National Bank. In 1887 Mr. Renick was made vice president of that institution, and since 1892 has served ably and faithfully as its president. In 1888, Mr. Renick assisted in organizing the Mutual Loan and Savings Association, of which he has ever since been one of the directors, and the president. In 1907, with George Hunter Smith and John H. Blacker, he organized the Valley Savings Bank and Trust Company, which he has since served as a director and vice president. Mr. Renick still owns and operates the old home farm, which was improved by his father, and takes an active and intelligent interest in agriculture and stock raising.

Mr. Renick has always been a republican and takes an active part in politics, but has never sought or held any political office, except that of trustee for the Ohio Hospital for Epileptics, located at Gallipolis, Ohio, having been appointed to this position by Governor Herrick in 1904, holding it until 1911, when the boards of trustees of all benevolent institutions of the state were legislated out of office.

Mr. Renick married, December 29, 1874, Elizabeth Waddle, a daughter of Dr. William and Jane S. Waddle, of whom further account may be found on another page of this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Renick have one son, Alexander Mortimer Renick, who married Edyth Henrietta, daughter of Charles A. Smith, and has two sons, Charles Alexander and Ralph Osborn. Mr. and Mrs. Renick are true to the religious faith in which they were reared, their parents having been consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM WADDLE, M. D. Prominent among the skillful physicians and surgeons who were successfully engaged in the practice of their profession in Chillicothe a half century and more ago, was the late William Waddle, M. D., who was especially skillful in his treatment of the various diseases which human flesh is heir to.

He was born in Chillicothe, September 19, 1811, in the family residence which then stood on the southeast corner of Paint and Second streets.

Alexander Waddle, the doctor's grandfather, was born in Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, and was there reared and married. In 1784, accompanied by his wife and children, he came to America, and having purchased land in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, was there engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth McCormick, was also born in Ireland, of Scotch lineage. She survived him, and spent the later years of her life in Portsmouth, Ohio. She was the mother of five children, Mary, Alexander, John, Joseph, and William.

John Waddle was born in 1783, in Belfast, County Tyrone, Ireland, and was little more than an infant when brought by his parents to this country. Brought up in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, he was apprenticed at the age of fifteen years to Alexander McLaughlin, a prosperous merchant in Pittsburgh. In 1803 he was sent by his employer to Chillicothe with a stock of merchandise, which he disposed of at an

advantage. After his return to Pittsburgh, he formed a partnership with John Carlisle, in Chillicothe, with whom he was associated for a short time, later having as partners Thomas Worthington and Amaziah Davidson. During the War of 1812 he was associated in business with General Denney, supplying the Government with provisions. In 1822 he retired from mercantile pursuits, and in 1830 removed to Clark County, Ohio, where he had acquired title to considerable land, in Clark and Greene counties, which he intended to improve. In 1831 he again visited Chillicothe, and having been suddenly taken ill with pneumonia, died in this city.

John Waddle married, in 1806, Nancy Mann, who was born in Kentucky. Her father, William Mann, a native of Augusta County, Virginia, married Eleanor Raeburn, and soon after moved to Kentucky, locating in the Blue Grass region, between Lexington and Georgetown. Mr. Mann died leaving three daughters, Elizabeth, Nancy and Mary. His widow subsequently married Captain Lamb, and in 1797 came with him and her children to Chillicothe. Mrs. John Waddle survived her husband forty-three years, dying in 1874, at the advanced age of eighty-five years. She reared eight children, six of whom were living at the time of her death. They were Alexander, William, John, Eleanor, Lucy Ann, and Angus Laugham.

Having laid a good foundation for his future education at the Chillicothe Academy, William Waddle continued his studies for two years in the Ohio State University, at Athens, leaving that institution at the age of eighteen years. Returning to his home in Clark County he worked on the farm for a year, and then began the study of medicine in Chillicothe, under the preceptorship of Doctor Fullerton. Subsequently entering the Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, he was there graduated in 1836, and during the ensuing year traveled in the South. In 1838 Doctor Waddle located in Chillicothe, where his skill and ability found recognition. He built up a large and highly remunerative practice, and continued a resident of this city until his death on August 23, 1895. In 1863 the doctor was appointed trustee of the Ohio University, and in 1868 was made a trustee of the Athens Insane Asylum, and for ten years filled the office, resigning in 1878. In 1880 he was appointed a trustee of the Central Insane Asylum at Columbus.

Doctor Waddle married, in 1845, Jane S. McCoy, a native of Chillicothe. Her father, John McCoy, was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, a son of Alexander McCoy, coming on both sides of the house of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Migrating to Ohio, he was for many years engaged in mercantile business in Chillicothe, as a merchant meeting with excellent success. The maiden name of the wife of Mr. McCoy was Janet McCracken, who was born in Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and of honored Revolutionary stock. Nine children were born of the union of Doctor and Mrs. Waddle, namely: John McCoy, Elizabeth, William, Eleanor, Jane, Lucy, Edward F., Nancy, and Charles C.

Doctor Waddle's was pre-eminently a pioneer spirit. In all that related to the betterment of mankind, he was ever foremost. Especially

was this true of the profession he loved, and of his native town, which he had seen grow from such small beginnings, and for which he entertained such an enthusiastic devotion. He served for many years on the school board, and when the question of making a public library of the small school library arose, he threw himself with ardor into the project, using both his influence and his means to secure for the town so desirable an improvement.

When the question of reclaiming the swamp of the "old riverbed" for a park was mooted by Mr. Bovey, he carried his plan to Doctor Waddle, who gave enthusiastic approval to the scheme. Being at that time a trustee of the Athens Asylum, he invited Mr. Haerlein, who was landscape gardener there, to visit Chillicothe as his guest, to decide whether the scheme was feasible, and when his report was favorable, the doctor used every energy, every influence, to make possible the park of which all Chillicotheans are now so justly proud. Major Poland, Doctor Waddle, and Mr. Meggenhofen were the original park board, each one of them having a deep interest in the park which was born under their auspices.

The words of his friend, Judge Milton L. Clark, delivered in the Constitutional Convention of 1873-1874, will most fittingly close this imperfect sketch:

"Of my townsman, Dr. William Waddle, no words of mine can exaggerate his merits. Eminent in his profession, second to few, if *any* in the state, a gentleman of large mind and superior mental abilities, a native of the 'Ancient Metropolis' and foremost in every good work, his humanity and philanthropy know no bounds!"

CLARK W. STORY. Inheriting in no small measure the habits of industry and thrift, and the integrity and ability, characteristic of a long line of sturdy New England ancestors, Clark W. Story, of Chillicothe, is amply fitted for the responsible position he is holding as president of the Ross County National Bank. He was born in Cuttingsville, Rutland County, Vermont, a son of Jonathan B. Story, and grandson of David Story, a life-long resident of New England.

Born, October 7, 1804, in Hopkinton, New Hampshire, Jonathan B. Story was there brought up and educated. Learning the carriage maker's trade, he established a factory at Cuttingsville, Vermont, where he made a specialty of building Concord wagons, a popular vehicle in that section of the country. He continued in business there for half a century, remaining a resident of the place until his death, at the very advanced age of ninety-seven years. The maiden name of his first wife, mother of the subject of this sketch, was Ann Jane Hill Putnam. She was born in Craydon, New Hampshire, a daughter of Samuel and Susan (Gibson) Putnam. She died in middle life, leaving five children, as follows: Susan M., who married John A. Poole; Austin P.; Emma I., who married Henry Jones; Lucy J., who became the wife of J. Manley Snyder; and Clark W. The father subsequently married, for his second wife, Mrs. Nancy Todd, who survived him a short time.

Receiving a practical education in the public schools of Cuttingsville,

Vermont, Clark W. Story came to Chillicothe when but fifteen years old to enter the dry goods establishment of his brother Austin P., with whom he remained until thoroughly mastering the details of the business. Then, in 1875, he formed a partnership with E. P. Smith, and as head of the firm of Story & Smith carried on a satisfactory mercantile business until 1901, more than a quarter of a century. Mr. Smith withdrew from the firm in that year, and Mr. Story's second son, Otis Jewett Story, and John G. Brandle were admitted to partnership, and the business has since been successfully carried on under its present firm name, "Story, Brandle & Story." In 1888 Mr. Story was made a director of the Ross County National Bank, and the following January was elected vice president, and with this institution he has ever since been officially connected, having been elected its president upon the death of Major Poland, in 1908. He is much interested in agriculture and horticulture, and has a fine estate, known as "Grand View Farm," situated near Chillicothe. For several years he served faithfully and intelligently as president of the Scioto Valley Agricultural Society.

Mr. Story married, on June 16, 1874, Mary A. Campbell, who was born in Chillicothe, a daughter of Samuel D. and Mary Anne Campbell, natives of Pennsylvania. Five children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Story, namely: Samuel C.; Otis Jewett, who married Ruth Pattison, of Easton, Maryland; John Burnham, who married Gertrude Sunnyfrank, and has one child, Elizabeth; Clark W., Jr.; and Mary, wife of T. Somerville Pattison. Mr. and Mrs. Story belong to the Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, in which he has served as vestryman many years.

JOHN P. PHILLIPS. Identified with a profession demanding a veritable measure of talent, and a vast amount of close research and hard work, John P. Phillips has won distinction as a member of the Ross County bar, and as one of the leading citizens of Chillicothe is eminently worthy of representation in a work of this character. He was born March 12, 1864, in Frankfort, Ross County, of Virginia ancestry, his father, John A. Phillips, and his grandfather, Vincent Phillips, having been natives of Raleigh County, Virginia.

His great-grandfather on the paternal side, James Phillips, an Englishman by birth and breeding, came to America as a British soldier during the Revolutionary war, but it is supposed that his sympathies were with the Colonists, as he never returned to England. Sending for his fiancée, Nancy Piper, to join him in this country, they married, and settled in Raleigh County, Virginia, where they lived happily ever after.

Brought up on the homestead in Virginia, Vincent Phillips selected for his life work the occupation to which he was reared, his farm being located in Raleigh County, about twelve miles from Hinton. He belonged to a long-lived family, and he, himself, attained the venerable age of ninety-five years, dying in 1890. He married Mary Ball, a life-long resident of Virginia, and they reared eleven children, seven sons and four daughters.

Born in 1822, John A. Phillips became familiar with the various branches of agriculture while young, and was engaged in farming in Virginia until 1862, being at that time a Union man in a Confederate state. The neighborhood in which he lived was subject to invasion by both armies, cattle being taken, and crops and fences destroyed, first by one army, and then by the other, and he was financially ruined. In September, 1862, his land being laid waste, he came to Ross County, locating in Frankfort, where he continued his farming operations until his death, in 1882. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary E. Hoback, was born, May 17, 1838, in Floyd County, Virginia, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Gray) Hoback, and maternal granddaughter of Joseph and Mary (Howard) Gray. Joseph Gray was born in England, but came to America in colonial days, locating in Staunton, Virginia, where he married Mary Howard, a native of Montgomery County, Virginia. Mrs. Mary E. (Hoback) Phillips died April 13, 1872, when but thirty-three years of age, leaving four children, namely: John P., the special subject of this sketch; Milton G.; Belle; and Joseph Elmer. The father had one daughter, Mary, by a former marriage.

Having acquired his rudimentary education in the public schools of Frankfort, John P. Phillips continued his studies in Lebanon, at the National Normal School, under the instruction of Professor Holbrook a noted educator of that time. Subsequently teaching school near Frankfort for a time, he devoted his leisure to the study of law, and in 1888 was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School. Mr. Phillips immediately opened an office in Chillicothe, and in the practice of his chosen profession has met with unquestioned success, his patronage being large and remunerative.

On April 25, 1893, Mr. Phillips married Miss Cora E. Ewing, who was born in Chillicothe, which was likewise the birthplace of her father, Capt. Samuel H. Ewing, and of her grandfather, John Ewing, whose birth occurred in 1816. John Ewing was a son of Samuel Ewing, and grandson of Alexander Ewing. During his early life he was engaged in the saddlery and harness business, but later had a general store at the corner of Main and Hickory streets. He died at Chillicothe, in 1893. The maiden name of John Ewing's wife was Evelyn Huffnagel. She was born January 26, 1820, in Ross County, a daughter of Josiah Huffnagel.

Capt. Samuel H. Ewing, born in 1839, was reared and educated in Chillicothe. Patriotic and public-spirited, he enlisted June 5, 1861, in Company B, Twenty-sixth Ohio Veteran Volunteer Infantry, and was elected first lieutenant of the company. On November 8, 1861, he was promoted to the rank of captain, and was then presented by the citizens of Chillicothe with a very handsome sword. He was acting major at the Battle of Chickamauga, where his horse was shot from under him, and he was captured, and subsequently confined in Libby Prison until exchanged March 15, 1864. Immediately rejoining his regiment, he remained with his command until honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of enlistment, July 25, 1864. Captain Ewing then

resumed work as a clerk in his father's store, later becoming a clerk in the Revenue office, under the United States Civil Service. He died in 1891.

Capt. Samuel H. Ewing married Alice Maria Thompson, who was born in Chillicothe, September 4, 1840, a daughter of Daniel Thompson. Her paternal grandfather, John Thompson, who married Mary Wood, came with his family from Virginia to Ross County, Ohio, about 1810, and having bought a tract of heavily timbered land in Union Township, hewed a farm from the wilderness, and was there engaged in tilling the soil until his death.

Born at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, April 11, 1809, Daniel Thompson was scarce a year old when brought by his parents to Ross County. He was reared on the farm, but as a young man found a situation in the wood-working department of a carriage factory in Chillicothe. Learning the trade, he returned to Union Township, and having there established a shop of his own was engaged in the carriage business a few years. Removing to Chillicothe, he embarked in the livery business, and was here a resident until his death, in 1898. He married Louisa Howard, who was born in Chillicothe March 12, 1812, a daughter of James and Sarah (Haynes) Howard. James Howard was born January 11, 1786, in Martinsburg, Virginia. Coming to Ross County in pioneer days, he erected a home in Chillicothe, at what is now 139 East Second Street, and in one room of his house he manufactured spinning wheels, which found a ready sale. He also carried on general farming to some extent, raising corn and other crops, and grazing his cattle and sheep on land now covered with brick buildings. The house which he built, and which is still owned by the Howard family, has been added to, and has given shelter to seven generations. Sarah Haynes, whom he married, was born July 13, 1788, at Antietam, Maryland, and as a child came with her parents to Huntington Township, Ross County. Mrs. Phillips's mother, Mrs. Alice Maria (Thompson) Ewing, still occupies the old Howard homestead on Second Street, the house in which she lives having been built about 1818. Mrs. Ewing reared two children, Carrie and Cora E., twins. Carrie, who married Edward Mabury, died in 1911, leaving one daughter, Cora.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have two children, John P., Jr., and Gordon. John P. Phillips, Jr., married Esther M. Scott, a daughter of Milton J. and Mary Alice (Johnson) Scott, and they have one son, John Scott Phillips, and one daughter, Jane Phillips. Active and prominent in legal circles, Mr. Phillips is district counsel for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad; for the Southwestern Railroad; and also for the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway. He is interested in financial matters, being vice president of the Citizens National Bank of Chillicothe, and of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Frankfort. He is now serving as vice president of the Chillicothe Electric Railroad, Light & Power Company, and is president of the Chillicothe Hospital, and a director of the Masonic Temple Company.

Fraternally Mr. Phillips is a member of Frankfort Lodge, No. 309,

Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Chillicothe Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; of Chillicothe Council, No. 4, Royal and Select Masters; of Chillicothe Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar; and of the Scottish Rite at Columbus. Religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Phillips is superintendent of its Sunday school.

ISAAC SCOTT COOK. A homestead with many interesting family associations is the Willow Branch Farm in Union Township. It has been owned by members of the Cook family for more than a century. It has responded to their care and management, and is not only a landmark but for generations has been a center for some of the most productive farm and stock raising operations in the county. Its present owner is Isaac Scott Cook, who was born there, and who since an early age has been identified with its active managements.

Mr. Cook is a descendant of the Connecticut branch of the Cook family. His first American ancestor was Henry Cook, who came to Plymouth, Massachusetts, before 1640, from Kent, England. Two of Henry Cook's sons, Henry and Samuel, settled at Wallingford, Connecticut, and became the ancestors of most of the Connecticut branch of the family. In the next generation was Samuel Cook, who was born in March, 16—, and married Hope Parker. Isaac, a son of Samuel, was born January 10, 1681, and died at Wallingford, Connecticut, in 1712. He was married in 1705 to Sarah Curtis. One of their children was also named Isaac and was born July 22, 1710, at Wallingford, and died March 16, 1780. He married Jerusha Sexton, of Wallingford.

A son of Isaac and Jerusha was Colonel Isaac, who was born July 28, 1739, and died in 1810. He served with distinction in the Revolutionary war. His wife's name was Martha. They were the great-grandparents of Isaac S. Cook, of Ross County.

The founder of the family in Ohio was Judge Isaac Cook, who was born in Wallingford, Connecticut, in 1768. Soon after his marriage he started with his wife and household goods in wagons to find a home in the great unclaimed West. They went as far as Pittsburgh, and leaving his wife there, Isaac Cook continued on a prospecting trip to the Northwest Territory in 1795, going as far as Greenville. He was present there when General Wayne made his treaty with the Indians. After seeing peace secured with the Indians he returned, and in the following year settled in the rich and beautiful valley of the Scioto. He had taken with him from Pittsburgh a commission from General Neville to sell the latter's land grant in the Virginia Military District. This trust he performed with such satisfaction to his employer that the latter presented him with 400 acres of land which had been unsold. Judge Cook added to his nucleus by purchase, and developed a splendid estate before his death. He named the old farm the Willow Branch Farm and by that name it is still called. Under his energetic management the soil yielded of its fruits and the log cabin home was soon supplanted by a two-story frame house. Judge Cook was one of the very able men in the early

life of Ross County. He was appointed associate judge of the Court of Common Pleas in 1803, and filled that position with splendid dignity for twenty-seven consecutive years. He was also elected several times as a member of the State Legislature, and while in the Legislature was a member of the committee on legislation and introduced the bill for the establishment of a public school system in Ohio. Another fact of interest concerning him is that he was a pioneer advocate of temperance at a time when little thought was given to such a cause. He drew up a pledge for his own children and that pledge contained the names of all his grandchildren, their respective parents vouching for them. Judge Isaac Cook was a resident of Ross County upwards of half a century, and died in 1842.

In 1792 he married Margaret Scott of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Capt. Mathew and Elizabeth (Thompson) Scott. Mathew Scott was first lieutenant in Miles Pennsylvania Regiment in 1776, and a captain in the Pennsylvania State Regiment in 1777. Judge Isaac Cook and his wife, Margaret, reared eight children: Isaac, Mathew Scott, Elizabeth, William, Joseph, Lucy, Maria and Margaret. The oldest daughter, Maria, married Dr. James Webb, of Kentucky, and was the mother of Lucy Webb, who subsequently became the wife of Rutherford B. Hayes, afterwards President of the United States. After the death of Doctor Webb, his widow and her three children lived at the old homestead, Willow Branch Farm, in Ross County.

On the Willow Branch Farm, William Cook, father of Isaac S., was born in 1807. He grew up on that farm, and eventually succeeded to its ownership. He was a man of fine character, of great industry, and his tastes and inclinations led him to spend his years in the quiet pursuits of agriculture. Very successful as a farmer, he at one time owned 1,500 acres. A desire for public office never came to him, and he was content to do his duty as a private citizen. He was first a whig and afterwards a republican. His death occurred September 4, 1892, at the age of eighty-five years. Many years ago he erected a substantial brick house on the Willow Branch Farm and it is still the residence of his son, Isaac S. William Cook married Mary G. Hough. She was born in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1811, daughter of Benjamin and Catherine (Carrell) Hough, both of whom were natives of England. William Cook and wife reared five children, Ellen Hough, Isaac Scott, Ada, Margaret Scott and Catherine. The daughter Margaret S. is now deceased.

On the farm where he was born and reared, Isaac Scott Cook has worked out his own individual destiny in life. He attended the public schools in the country district and also at Chillicothe. His youth was spent in the dark and forbidding years of the Civil war, and on August 13, 1862, he responded to the call of patriotism and enlisted in Company D of the Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was with this regiment in its various movements until September, 1863, when, being taken ill, he was placed in a hospital, first at Nashville and afterwards at Louisville, and from there was sent to Cincinnati, and in November, 1863, was granted an honorable discharge from the hospital and the

army and then returned home. As soon as sufficiently recovered, he went to Pennsylvania and entered the Pennsylvania Military Academy, then located at Westchester, but now at Chester. He remained there until completing a two years' course.

He then returned to his father's farm, and was its responsible manager for a number of years. Later he succeeded to its ownership, and has done much to make it both a profitable and attractive homestead. Some years ago he formed a corporation, whose members were himself and his sons and daughters, and this corporation now owns the "Willow Brook Stock Farm," so named by his grandfather. Since 1891 Mr. Cook has been a director of the Chillicothe First National Bank.

He married Rowena Nye. Mrs. Cook, who died in 1911, was a daughter of Spencer and Martha (Jacobs) Nye, both of whom were of early Connecticut ancestry. Mr. Cook has five children: William Hough, Spencer Nye, Margaret Scott, Isaac Scott, Jr., and Edward Tiffin. All these children received the best advantages of local schools and higher institutions. William H. graduated from the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis and is now a successful mining engineer. Spencer Nye is also a mining engineer and a graduate of the Ohio State University. Margaret Scott graduated from Wheaton Seminary at Norton, Massachusetts. Isaac S., Jr., is a graduate of the agricultural department of the Ohio State University. Edward Tiffin is a graduate of Cornell University, made a record as an athlete while in school, and is now manager of the Willow Brook Stock Farm. The oldest son, William H., married Clara Tandy, and their two children are Margaret Scott and William Hough. Edward Tiffin married Mary Virginia Wilson, who was born near Winchester, Virginia, of colonial ancestry. They have a son, Edward Tiffin, Jr., making the fifth generation on that farm.

EDWARD R. MCKEE. For nearly three score years closely associated with the banking interests of Chillicothe, Edward R. McKee possesses to an eminent degree the business ability and acumen that inspire confidence in his integrity and honesty of purpose, while his long record of service with one of the leading financial institutions of Ross County bears speaking evidence of his trustworthiness in positions of responsibility. A son of David McKee, he was born, January 28, 1843, in Chillicothe, of colonial ancestry, being a lineal descendant, according to a well-preserved tradition, of one of eleven brothers named McKee that emigrated, in 1769, from Scotland to America, and settled, nearly all of them, in Pennsylvania. Hugh McKee, Mr. McKee's paternal grandfather, was a life-long resident of Philadelphia, and an active member of the Society of Friends.

Born and educated in Philadelphia, David McKee came to Ohio in early manhood, locating in Chillicothe, where he was subsequently engaged in the wholesale and retail confectionery business until his death, in 1854, at the early age of forty-three years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Ann Reister, was born in Chillicothe, a daughter of

Adam Reister, and to them four children were born, as follows: Estelle Eloise, Edward R., George W. and Harry.

Adam Reister, Mr. McKee's maternal grandfather, was born in Maryland, in Reisterstown, a village established by his father, who spent his entire life in that locality. Having served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade when young, Mr. Reister followed his occupation in Chillicothe until 1840, carrying on a good business as a contractor for several years. Seized with the wanderlust in 1840, he migrated, with teams, to the Territory of Iowa, which was then in its pristine wildness, the greater part of the land being owned by the Government. There were no railroads in the state, the modes of travel and transportation, and the ways of living being very primitive. Taking up a tract of wild land near Iowa City, he cleared and improved a homestead, and there he and his wife spent their remaining days.

Adam Reister married Rebecca Haynes, who was born in Shepherdstown, Virginia, a daughter of George Haynes, who came with his family from Virginia to the Northwest Territory in the spring of 1798, making the removal with teams, his wife, however, coming on horseback, and bringing her infant daughter, the future Mrs. Reister, in her arms. Mr. Haynes was a blacksmith by trade, and he and Joseph Yates, a millwright, of Shepherdstown, had assumed a contract to erect for a Mr. Worthington a mill on the north fork of Paint Creek. Locating in Chillicothe, Mr. Haynes moved into a log cabin situated at what is now the corner of Second and Mulberry streets, and after the completion of the mill resumed work at his trade. He made the spikes and bolts used in the construction of the old bridge, and when that was finally destroyed by fire, it was found that it was put together so strongly that the timbers could not be taken apart. Many of the spikes were saved, and are now kept as souvenirs. He lived to the venerable age of ninety-seven years, his wife attaining the age of ninety-four years.

In 1858, having acquired a practical education in the public schools, Edward R. McKee secured a situation as collector for the Valley Bank, of Chillicothe, and has since been connected with that bank and its successor, the First National Bank, until the present time. Proving himself very capable in his first position, he was made bookkeeper in 1859, and upon the organization, in 1863, of the First National Bank was elected teller. In 1882 Mr. McKee was made cashier of the bank, and since 1905 has been its vice president.

As a young man, Mr. McKee joined Company A, Twenty-sixth Regiment, Ohio National Guards, which responded to the call to arms at the time of the Kirby Smith raid, in 1863, and later in the year when Gen. John H. Morgan made his famous raid north of the Ohio River. In May, 1864, Mr. McKee enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which he was commissioned lieutenant. After remaining with his command in Baltimore six weeks, he went with his regiment to the Shenandoah Valley, and there took an active part in all of its marches and campaigns, including several encounters with the enemy, during the time, the captain being on detailed

duty, having command of his company. Returning home at the expiration of his term of enlistment, Mr. McKee resumed his position with the First National Bank, and subsequently discharged the duties devolving upon him with characteristic ability and fidelity.

Mr. McKee married, June 17, 1874, Miss Anna R. Meek, who was born in Winchester, Adams County, Ohio, a daughter of William M. Meek, and granddaughter of Rev. John Meek, one of the first Methodist preachers to locate permanently in Ohio. Taking up the study of law when young, William M. Meek was admitted to the Ohio bar, and subsequently located permanently in Hillsboro, Highland County, where he continued in active practice until his death, for many years serving as probate judge. The maiden name of his wife was Hester De Bruin. Her father, Hyman Israel De Bruin, Mrs. McKee's maternal grandfather, was born in Holland, of French Huguenot ancestry. Immigrating to America when young, he was engaged in the dry goods trade at Maysville, Kentucky, until 1833, when he transferred his residence and his business to Winchester, Adams County, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life. Mr. De Bruin married Rebecca Easton, who was born in Scutter, Lincolnshire, England, and came with her parents, Edward and Mary (Shadford) Easton to America in girlhood, locating first in Maysville, Kentucky, and in 1833 coming with them to Ripley, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. McKee have three children, Edna, Mary, and William M. Mary married Gustav A. Eerdmann, of Chicago, Illinois, and has one child, Edward McKee Eerdmann. William M., an electrical engineer, is in the employ of the Jeffries Manufacturing Company, at Pittsburgh. He married Jean Bunton, who died April 6, 1915, leaving one son, William M. McKee, Jr.

Religiously Mr. McKee is an active member of the Walnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he led the chorus choir for thirty-five years, and is president of its board of trustees. He takes great interest in local affairs, and is now serving as president of the Chillicothe Board of Park Commissioners. He is also president of the Old Guard, a military organization; and is a member of A. L. Brown Post, No. 162, Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Loyal Legion. He is likewise a member of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and president of its board of trustees.

THE MEAD PULP AND PAPER COMPANY. An institution whose wheels have been turning and whose product has entered into the commerce of the world over several scores of years is not only an interesting but a valuable factor in any community's progress. One of Ross County's notable institutions of this kind is The Mead Pulp and Paper Company, which is the successor of an industry that had its beginning in Chillicothe upwards of seventy years ago.

The present company was organized in 1905, and while a two-machine mill is operated in Dayton, a large majority of their output is produced in Chillicothe, and the general offices are maintained in Dayton. It is a corporation operating under the laws of Ohio, with a capital stock

of \$1,500,000. Its output is soda pulp and a general line of book papers.

The principal officers of the company are: George H. Mead, president; H. E. Talbott, vice president; A. L. Rieger, treasurer and sales manager; R. T. Houk, secretary; Hector McVicker, general superintendent; Henry G. Meyers, comptroller; W. H. Kettra, purchasing agent and office manager.

Historically, the paper industry had its beginning in Chillicothe during the decade of the '40s, and some of the records showing the growth of the business from the beginning have a pertinent place in the local history of Ross County.

The pioneer paper mill was located at its present site on South Paint Street to take advantage of the water power furnished by the Hydraulic Company (a \$70,000 corporation), which built a dam on Paint Creek, about five miles up the creek, near Ralston's Run. The water from this dam was carried about half the distance on the south and east side of the creek, crossing in an aqueduct located on what is now the Wissler farm. From this point it was carried in a large canal on the present right-of-way of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway to Paint Street.

The first paper mill in Chillicothe was established by Entrikin Green & Company in 1847. Water power was leased for ten years from the Hydraulic Company. The dam was washed out in 1848, and rebuilt, but delayed the starting of the mill until the fall of 1848.

In the following year William Ingham became a member of the firm, and continued until 1852, when James Ingham became a partner, and the name was then changed to Ingham & Company. In 1858 the dam and aqueduct were again washed away. After this the Hydraulic was abandoned and the company installed a steam plant. At this time only coarse papers were manufactured from such material as straw and rags. Ingham & Company continued with fair success until 1876, when William Ingham induced Capt. William B. Mills to take an interest in the business, and the firm name was changed to the Ingham Mills Company.

During the next ten years a wood pulp mill was started. Mr. Ingham had witnessed the process while visiting the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876, and Mr. Mills also went East to investigate the process. Thus was started at Chillicothe one of the first pulp mills in the West.

Some differences developed between James Ingham and Captain Mills which eventually led to the disposal of the entire property to Col. D. E. Mead, of Dayton, in 1889, Colonel Mead being the principal owner of the Mead Paper Company in Dayton.

The business was continued with greater or less success from 1889 to 1905, when Mr. George H. Mead, grandson of Colonel Mead, reorganized the company, adopting the name of The Mead Pulp and Paper Company. At this time the Dayton properties were disposed of and the paper machines as well as other valuable equipment were shipped to Chillicothe. The site of the Entrikin Green & Company's mills then became the home of The Mead Pulp and Paper Company.

It will better serve to indicate the growth of the business of this company during the last thirty-five years to state a few figures as to output and amounts of material consumed at the beginning and end of that period. It should be remembered, however, that much the largest increase and development has occurred during the last ten years.

	1880	1916
Coal consumed per day.....	28 tons	100 tons
Wood used per year.....	1,500 cords	9,000 cords
Lime used per year.....	18,000 bushels	56,000 bushels
Soda ash used per year.....	240 tons	550 tons
Employees	50	275
Value of plant.....	\$50,000	\$1,000,000
Pounds of paper made per day..	6,000	175,000
Annual Sales	75,000	2,500,000

GEORGE HOUK MEAD. For three generations the Mead family has been identified with the paper industry in Ohio, and George Houk Mead, now president of the Mead Pulp and Paper Company, of Chillicothe, practically grew up in the business and was educated to become a "paper man."

Born in Dayton, Ohio, November 5, 1877, his family have been true and loyal Americans for many generations. In fact, the paternal ancestry goes back to the early colonial settlement of New England. His direct ancestor, William Mead, who was of the English gentry, was born in Kent County, England, about 1600, founded the family name in the New World as an early settler in Connecticut. In subsequent generations the family moved from New England to Cooperstown, New York, where Mr. Mead's grandfather, Daniel Eldridge Mead, was born in 1817.

As already noted, Col. D. E. Mead was a prominent factor in the early paper industry, not only at Dayton but also at Chillicothe. In 1841 he became a resident of Dayton, and lived there until his death in 1891. In 1846, with several other young business men, he organized the firm of Ells, Clafflin & Company for the manufacture of paper. In 1856 the firm name was changed to Weston & Mead, in 1859 it became Mead & Weston, in 1866 Mead & Nixon, and in 1881 Mr. Mead, having obtained full ownership, adopted the name The Mead Paper Company.

Subsequently the control of The Mead Paper Company came into the hands of Harry Eldridge Mead, father of George H., and of Charles D. Mead, a brother of Harry E. Harry E. Mead was married November 30, 1876, in Dayton, to Marianna Phillips Houk, daughter of the Hon. George W. Houk and Eliza Phillips (Thruston) Houk. Of the four children born to this union, three died in childhood, and the only survivor is now George Houk Mead, of Chillicothe.

After a common school education George H. Mead graduated B. A. from Hobart College at Geneva, New York, and from Hobart entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned the bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering.

In the meantime, during vacations, he had worked in his father's paper mill, and on graduation from the college accepted a position in the practical end of the business and served his apprenticeship. He is thus a practical paper manufacturer, and it has been largely due to his technical understanding of the industry, as well as his executive powers, that The Mead Pulp and Paper Company has been so firmly established and has prospered much during the last ten or fifteen years. After his apprenticeship at Dayton, Mr. Mead felt that a broader experience was desirable and he accordingly went East and engaged in the work of chemical engineering, being finally made general manager of the General Artificial Silk Company, of Philadelphia. This responsible position he resigned in order to recognize and rehabilitate The Mead Paper Company, which in the meantime had become somewhat involved. By his untiring efforts, his thorough knowledge of the paper industry, and also, it should be added in strict justice, by his dominant characteristics of honesty and sincerity, he succeeded in developing a business which is second to none in the paper trade.

In 1905 Mr. Mead became a resident of Ross County, having moved the Dayton plant to Chillicothe. As a Ross County citizen he has enjoyed the love and esteem of all who know him, and is looked upon by much older men in the trade as one of the foremost paper manufacturers of the United States. His interests are not entirely local, since he is an important factor in the newspaper industry in Canada, where he was instrumental in organizing the Lake Superior Paper Company with a capital stock of \$10,000,000. He is vice president of this company.

In November, 1914, Mr. Mead married Elsie Louise Talbott, of Dayton. They have a daughter, Elsie Louise. Mr. Mead is a member of the Dayton Club, the Dayton Country Club, the Dayton Polo Club, the Buz Fuz Club of Dayton, and at Chillicothe belongs to the Country Club and Lodge No. 52 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His recreation he finds in polo, tennis and golf. Though rather below the average in height, he is very athletic, a fine horseman, and excels in his favorite games of polo and golf.

ROBERT THRUSTON HOUK. As secretary of The Mead Pulp and Paper Company, Robert Thruston Houk became a resident of Ross County in 1912, and has since closely identified himself not only with this important local industry, but also with general affairs of citizenship and is one of Chillicothe's leading business men.

He was born in Dayton, Ohio, September 27, 1862, a son of the late George W. Houk and Eliza P. (Thruston) Houk. Both parents are now deceased, and his father was long distinguished both as a lawyer and civic leader and also a gentleman of scholarship and literary ability. Mr. Houk's mother had a talent which expressed itself in the writing of prose and verse, but she exercised her best influence in her home and by her pure and Christian character.

The Houks came originally from Holland early in the seventeenth century and settled in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. The Thrus-

tons were originally English people and from Bristol, England, they emigrated during the early '60s and settled in Virginia. Mr. R. T. Houk's grandfather, Adam Houk, in 1827 started west with wagon and team, accompanied by his wife, and established a home in Dayton, then a small village almost on the western edge of civilization. It was in Dayton that the late George W. Houk was reared and obtained a common school education. He then took up the study of law, was admitted to the bar in 1848, and his first distinction in public life came in 1852, when he was elected a member of the state Legislature. He was a democrat all his active career, but repeatedly refused political honors in order to devote his whole time to his profession, until 1891, when he was elected by his district a member of Congress and re-elected in 1893. His death occurred at Washington in 1894, while in his second term as congressman.

On Christmas day of 1856 George W. Houk married Eliza Phillips Thruston. They became the parents of four children: Marianna, who married Harry Eldredge Mead; Gates Phillips, who died at the age of twelve years; Robert Thruston; and Katherine, who was married June 7, 1887, to Harry Elstner Talbott.

By inheritance and by the environment of his early years Robert Thruston Houk had ample opportunity to develop those qualities of character that have since made him a successful business man. In 1881 he graduated from the Cooper Academy of Dayton, and began his business career as a salesman for A. A. Simonds, manufacturer of paper mill supplies. In 1884 he resigned from that company to become assistant superintendent of a silver mine in Mexico, where he spent about a year. Returning to Ohio, he was for several years connected with the H. E. Mead & Company, wholesale paper jobbers, but in 1889 resigned to become identified with the National Cash Register Company, of Dayton. For eighteen years he was one of the efficient men in the service of that model institution and occupied many positions of responsibility and trust. In 1907, on leaving the National Cash Register Company, he became general factory manager of the Dayton Motor Car Company, and looked after the duties of that position until the company was bought by the United States Motor Company. Mr. Houk then removed to New York City and for a year was sales manager of the Stoddard-Dayton branch of the United States Motor Company.

Mr. Houk left the automobile business to become secretary and take an active part in the management of The Mead Pulp and Paper Company at Chillicothe. He had been one of the reorganizers of the company in 1905, and though holding a substantial interest, had acted only as a director and was not active in the management until 1912, when he moved to Chillicothe and established his home in Ross County.

Though always a busy man, with many affairs to demand his attention, Mr. Houk finds time to assist in any public movement for the betterment of the community. He has twice been elected president of the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce, and Governor Cox appointed him a member of the Ross County Memorial Association. He is a member

of the Chillicothe Country Club and of Lodge No. 52 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was reared in the Episcopal Church, and in politics he has been essentially in harmony with the democratic platform, although he is inclined to take some pride in the fact that he has voted a straight ticket only twice since he reached his majority.

On September 20, 1887, Mr. Houk married Lily Elstner Talbott. To their marriage have been born five children: Robert Thruston, Catherine T., Sarah E., George W. and John T. All the children are living. R. T., Jr., was married September 18, 1915, to Ruth Millikin, of New York. The daughter, Sarah E., married June 19, 1915, Alexander M. Hammer, of Boston, Massachusetts.

HECTOR McVICKER. General superintendent of The Mead Pulp and Paper Company, of Chillicothe, Hector McVicker has spent the greater part of his life in the service of the paper mill industry at Chillicothe, is a native son of Ross County and represents one of the old and prominent families.

He was born in Chillicothe December 7, 1863, being the second child of Alexander and Cecelia (Conley) McVicker. Alexander McVicker, when twelve years of age, came with his sister from Glasgow, Scotland, and located in Chillicothe. He was a poor boy and, as was the custom of the time, found home and opportunity to learn a useful calling by apprenticeship to John Burkline, a blacksmith who operated his shop near Chillicothe. By that apprenticeship he learned a trade which later enabled him to accumulate property which has made him comfortable in his declining years. In the late '50s Alexander McVicker married Cecelia Conley. They became the parents of eight children: Sarah, who married James Green, of Chillicothe; Hector; James, who married Flora Snyder; Emma, who married Thomas Vorus; Minnie, who married Alonzo Huff; Edith, who married Thomas Edmonson; Robert, who married Georgia Ramsdale; and Charles, who married Ida Neal. It is a fine testimony to the splendid qualities of the parents that all these children are now comfortable and prosperous, and each in his or her respective sphere has played a part not without honor and usefulness.

Mr. Hector McVicker has never considered any other place his permanent home except Chillicothe. He grew up in the town, gained his education in the common schools, and when still a boy found a place as a humble employee of the Ingham Mills Company, owners of the paper mill located on the same ground now occupied by the mills of The Mead Pulp and Paper Company. For forty years Mr. McVicker has been in the service of this local paper industry, and it was an ability to produce results that brought him to his present position as general superintendent. His associates regard him as a man of particular genius in his line, but his own modest explanation of his success points to an unremitting industry which has been characteristic of him all these past forty years.

Outside of business, much of his interest has gone into the Masonic order and he has an influential place in that fraternity, and at the

present writing is serving as eminent commander of Chillicothe Commandery of the Knights Templar.

In 1884 Mr. McVicker married Margaret Wiegand, in Chillicothe. Their three children are all living. Bertha, the oldest, married Eugene Francis, of Flora, Illinois, and they have a son named Arthur. Russel, the second child and only son, is now one of the responsible men in the offices of the paper mill of which his father is general superintendent, and by his marriage in 1911 to Maybelle Ludwig has a daughter named Judith. Hazel, the third and youngest child, lives at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. McVicker now own and occupy a residence on South Paint Street formerly owned by James Ingham, who, it is a matter of special interest to state, was Mr. McVicker's first employer.

CAPT. LOUIS S. HOUSER. Noteworthy for his public spirit and good citizenship, Capt. Louis S. Houser, of the firm of Houser Brothers, occupies a position of prominence in mercantile circles, and is a worthy representative of the native-born citizens of Chillicothe, his birth having occurred here, September 19, 1879.

His father, Berthold Houser, a native of Baden, Germany, was the only member of his family to come to America. Brought up and educated in the fatherland, he came from there to this country in 1860, and after living for a time in Portsmouth, Ohio, located in Chillicothe. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and continued as a farmer during the greater part of his life. He died at his home in Chillicothe at the age of sixty-eight years. He married Mary Moll, who was born, of German parents, in Pike County, Ohio, and is now living in Chillicothe. Of the four children born of their union, three are living, namely: Joseph, Louis S., and Mabel.

At the age of seventeen years, Louis S. Houser, who had obtained a practical education in the Chillicothe public schools, enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war, becoming a member of Company H, Seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained until the close of the conflict, receiving his honorable discharge in 1899. Mr. Houser was subsequently variously employed until 1905, when, in partnership with his brother Joseph, he established himself in business as a grocer on Water Street, and as a member of the enterprising firm of Houser Brothers has since built up a large and profitable trade. In 1898 Mr. Houser joined the Fourth Ohio National Guards, becoming a private in Company H, of which he has since been a member, having been promoted through the different grades to the rank of captain.

Captain Houser married, in 1908, Martha Page, who was born in Chillicothe, of English ancestry, being a daughter of John and Susan Page. Five children have blessed their union, namely: Martha Elizabeth and Mildred Louise, twins; Anna Mary; Louis Joseph; and Robert Page, the first Ohio war baby, and who was born a few days before his father left for the Texas border. Politically, the captain cast his first presidential vote for William McKinley, and has since been a zealous supporter of the principles of the republican party. Fraternally he is a

member of Sereno Lodge, No. 28, Knights of Pythias, and of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 80, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in both of these organizations he has filled all of the chairs. He is also a member, and past commander, of Weidler Camp, Spanish War Veterans.

GEORGE W. COX. Although not confining himself exclusively to one line of business, George W. Cox, the well-known and popular agent for the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad at Richmond Dale, Ohio, has given many years of a busy life to railroad affairs. He was born October 19, 1854, in Jefferson Township, Ross County, Ohio, and is a son of Abram and Sarah (Raines) Cox.

Abram Cox was born in Liberty Township, Ross County, in 1810, and his wife in the same township in 1814. They had five children, the two survivors being George W. and Abel, the latter being a brakeman on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and living at Hamdon, Ohio. By a second marriage Abram Cox had three children: Margaret, who became the wife of G. A. Vaughters; Rachel, who died at Londonderry; and Sarah, who married James Counts. Abram Cox, after marriage, located 1½ miles east of Vigo. He became the owner of 300 acres of fine land along Salt Creek, a part of which he inherited from Joseph Cox. In politics he was a democrat.

George W. Cox was reared on the farm in Jefferson Township and attended the district schools in boyhood. He was not very much interested in farming in youth and that led to his learning the art of telegraphy in the offices of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, with which corporation he worked for twenty-one years as operator and agent. He then bought a farm in Liberty Township, Ross County, and managed it for seven years and then sold and removed to Ruple, Ohio, where he conducted a store for one year and then sold that business. Mr. Cox returned then to railroad life and continued with the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad at Richmond Dale until December 7, 1910. In October, 1911, he went to Florida and also bought a store at Richmond Dale, and in 1913 returned to railroad work as agent at this point. From 1892 to 1896 he lived at Ray, Ohio, and during that time was postmaster. In politics he is a democrat and while living in Liberty Township served three terms as justice of the peace.

On March 1, 1877, Mr. Cox was married to Miss Calferna Holcomb, who was born in Gallia County, Ohio, October 2, 1860. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are members of the Baptist Church at Richmond Dale, he being one of the trustees of the same.

MAJ. WILLIAM POLAND. The history of the last half of the nineteenth century and the first decade of the twentieth in Chillicothe, finds the name and impress of Maj. William Poland on every page. A local paper commenting on his death, which occurred on September 24, 1908, says:

“No one man in Chillicothe will be more greatly missed, as in civic and business enterprises he was always a prominent figure, while in his

private life he was beloved by a wide circle to whom his taking away will be a keen bereavement."

William Poland was born in Ballymore Eustace, Ireland, January 19, 1830, the seventh child of John Poland and Mary Toumey, his wife. Of a family of twelve children he was the last. He came to America in company with his brother James, May 29, 1847, coming direct to Chillicothe, where an older brother, Patrick, was engaged in the grocery business. After a short stay here he went to Cincinnati and became a clerk in the establishment of John Shillito, afterwards with David Carr, wholesale grocer. When his brother Patrick removed to Cincinnati, William Poland returned to this city, October 16, 1848, and, at the age of eighteen, went into the retail grocery business for himself on Paint Street, where Brandle's shoe store now is. Shortly after this he removed to West Water Street and engaged in the wholesale grocery business, succeeding the firm of Holcomb & Co. In this business he remained until March 22, 1874, when he sold out to J. P. Dieter.

In his business career, Mr. Poland was eminently successful, being a man of much grasp and capability. His financial interests were many and varied and he was connected in one way or another, with nearly all the larger enterprises in the city. In 1869, with others, he bought the old Cincinnati iron furnace, at Richland, Vinton County, and was treasurer of the company until 1881, when he became sole owner of the property. He became a director of the Ross County National Bank February 3, 1873; vice president, January 10, 1888; and on the death of A. P. Story, succeeded him as president, August 6, 1888. He built the Ross County Block, the first modern office building in the city.

He was president of the Chillicothe Gas Light & Water Company for many years and it was largely on his initiative that the water system was installed. In 1876 he was instrumental in organizing the first street railway company, and remained its president and treasurer until its sale to a Tiffin syndicate in 1890. He was active in street railway affairs and after the Woolston failure and receivership, on his own decision, bought out the reorganized Tiffin holders, turning over the control to the Ross County Bank syndicate.

In earlier days he was a member of the old Phoenix Volunteer Fire Company, on West Main Street. He was president of the old Fidelity Building and Loan Association, was instrumental in organizing the Ohio Insurance Company, and was its president. At one time he took an active part in city politics, as a democrat, and served two terms in council, where, with the late George Bovey, he materially aided in instituting the city park system. He became one of the park commissioners in January, 1884, and served on it until the time of his death, always taking much interest in the parks, and giving liberally of time and money towards them. He was known as the "Father of Yoctangee Park" and when the city acquired the land on the corner of Fifth Street and Madeira Avenue, it was christened "Poland Park" in gratitude for his work in this line.

He was president of the Chillicothe Foundry and Machine Works:

president of the Board of Trade for fifteen terms; was a charter member of the Eintracht Singing Society; helped found the Columbus Club and was its president four terms; a trustee of St. Mary's Church for over thirty years, and a member of the first Catholic Church, on South Walnut Street. In 1892 he organized the St. Margaret's Cemetery Association and remained its president until the time of his death.

He took an active interest in all civic affairs, giving freely of time and money to further the city's interests. He was chairman and treasurer of the executive committee of the Chillicothe Centennial, 1896, and was chairman of the joint committees of the Ohio Centennial in 1903.

During the Civil war, he was one of the famous "Squirrel Hunters" who rallied to the defense of Cincinnati and helped turn back Gen. Kirby Smith from invading the North. Here he received his title as "Major."

He married, on November 15, 1864, Miss Catherine Ryan of Cincinnati, who survives him. Of their union, there are five surviving children, William B., of Cincinnati; John A., Agnes M., Florence and Charles, all of Chillicothe. Two children, Walter and Irene, preceded their father to the hereafter, and Nicholas within a few years afterward. Mrs. Poland's father was an architect and builder of note in Cincinnati, and many of the public buildings and edifices of that city were the creations of his genius.

The Poland family and their estimable mother are all products of universities and convents, ranking high in the culture and literary attainments of their city.

No man was more missed from his accustomed places than Maj. William Poland, by high and low, rich and poor alike, irrespective of creed or condition. He was a citizen to whom the good of his home city was of prime importance, a business man of ability and one foremost in promoting all worthy interests and enterprises. Genial comrade, wise adviser, especially to young men, his was a charity so broad and a liberality so great that no worthy request was turned away. A model husband and father in his home, he was also a close and dear personal friend to his associates, whether in business or social relations.

JOHN A. POLAND, for over twenty years one of the ranking leaders of the Ross County bar, has enjoyed many of those worthy distinctions which comes to the truly qualified and successful lawyer, to the high-minded citizen, and to the energetic business man. His position has been such that he needs no introduction to the people of his native county.

His father was the late Maj. William Poland, one of the fine figures in Ross County's history during the last century. It is said that every person in Chillicothe and most of them in Ross County knew Major Poland and those who knew him best found the best reason to express for him the admiration and esteem in which he was so long held. He was a constant worker for the good of the community, and in many ways impressed his life and influence upon this section of Ohio.

In his own career John A. Poland continues the splendid character-

istics and worthy part acted by his father in Ross County. John A. Poland was born at Chillicothe in September, 1868. He attended the local schools of his native city, and completed his literary training in St. Mary's College in Kansas, where he was graduated as valedictorian of his class. Reference should be made to another phase of his education in addition to what he learned from books. This was suggested in the words of one of his old friends writing of Mr. John A. Poland on an occasion when a sketch was required: "The woods and fields, the boyish carpenter shop, a little printing office, particularly appealed to him; and outdoor life with boating, fishing, swimming and camping gave him the grounding that every American boy should have."

On his literary foundation Mr. Poland reared a superstructure of thorough training for his chosen profession. He entered the University of Georgetown, D. C., where by hard work and the exercise of those talents granted him by nature he finished with post-graduate honors in a class of 160. On returning to Chillicothe he entered the law office of the late Hon. Lawrence T. Neal. Mr. Neal frequently said that John Poland was the best student he ever had in his office, and the one who gave him the most satisfactory work he ever received from any of his students in the law. After this preparation he led as first in a class of fifty applicants in the examination for admission to the bar before the Ohio Supreme Court.

For two years Mr. Poland was associated with Mr. Neal in the latter's law office, and in 1893 was his private secretary when Mr. Neal was candidate for governor. Mr. Poland has been one of the liberal and progressive democrats of Ohio, and has a large acquaintance with politics and politicians, though he never sought the honors of politics for himself. In 1897 he was private secretary to H. L. Chapman in the latter's campaign for election as governor and was also a member of the state executive committee. He was also campaign manager for L. A. Sears and Congressman Horatio C. Clappool.

As a lawyer Mr. Poland's attention has been primarily given to office practice, corporation, probate and commercial law. He has held the position of legal adviser to a large proportion of the industrial and financial organizations of Chillicothe, and ranks in this work as one of the ablest business lawyers in the state. He is the legal adviser of many of the public utilities of Southern and Central Ohio.

Mr. Poland is also a man of thoughtful interests and avocations. He has for twenty-five consecutive years served on the important committees of the Chillicothe Board of Trade, and succeeded his father as a member of the Chillicothe Park Commission, giving much thought and labor for the benefit of the people's playgrounds. Governor Harmon honored him with appointment to the Ohio-Columbus Centennial Commission, and the other members of that commission appointed him historian. Mr. Poland has long been a student of Ohio history and of standard literature and the historical work of the Centennial Commission could not have been placed in better hands. His varied intellectual interests have made him a favorite member of the Sunset Club of Chilli-

cothe, made up of the leading professional and business men of the city, whose meetings are enlivened not only with social good fellowship but with a serious discussion of important topics of the day.

Mr. Poland is the vice president of the Ross County National Bank, and is a director or trustee in a dozen corporations or associations in the city. He combines in himself cultured dignity, good-nature, public-spiritedness, and in a word is considered among the ranking first dozen prominent and influential men of his community. He still clings to single blessedness, although fond of social life. He is a practical Roman Catholic.

GEORGE D. BROOKE. There has been a steady progression in the career of George D. Brooke from the time he first carried a rod in a surveying party until now, in his thirty-eighth year, he is Ohio division superintendent of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railway, with headquarters at Chillicothe. He is the chief railway official located at this city, and before gaining this official precedent he served a long and thorough apprenticeship in the minor grades of the service.

He was born September 15, 1878, in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, a son of T. V. and Fannie (Doswell) Brooke. His father, a native of Virginia and descendant of a prominent Virginian family, is still living in Virginia at the age of seventy, and for a great many years has practiced his profession as a physician. Doctor Brooke is a great-grandson of Robert Brooke, who was at one time governor of Virginia and was also a noted Mason, having served as grand master of the Grand Lodge.

George D. Brooke was the third in a family of six children. He received his early education in the Virginia public schools, and finished in the Virginia Military Institute. His first experience in practical life was as instructor for two years at Culver Military Academy. At Somerset, Pennsylvania, he entered the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway as rodman of an engineering corps. He was subsequently made levelman and transit man, and operated the latter instrument eighteen months. He next became field engineer-in-chief of a surveying party, and after one year of that kind of service became assistant engineer at Baltimore, Maryland, on special work. He was transferred as assistant engineer to Cumberland, Maryland, and Morgantown, West Virginia, later was made assistant division engineer at Pittsburgh, then division engineer at Baltimore, assistant engineer operating department, and assistant superintendent at Cumberland and at Keyser. His last position before coming to Chillicothe was as superintendent at Winchester, Virginia.

On April 6, 1914, he was appointed to his present office as Ohio division superintendent of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern Railway, and has since had the management of the operating service over all the Ohio lines of that company. Mr. Brooke is an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and is also a member of the American Association of Railroad Superintendents. Fraternally he is

affiliated with Peyton Coles Lodge, No. 54, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

On January 14, 1900, in Virginia, he married Miss Sue Scott Herbert. Their three children are: Sue, born April 18, 1907; Ann, born September 22, 1911; and Thomas, born September 29, 1914.

FREDERICK SCHREINER. Many of the most enterprising and successful business men of Ross County have come from the land beyond the sea, prominent among the number being Frederick Schreiner, who, having accumulated a competency, is living retired from active pursuits in Chillicothe, having a beautiful home on Carlisle Hill. He was born February 16, 1854, in Baden, Germany, where the birth of his father, Frederick Schreiner, Sr., occurred in 1825.

Several years after his marriage, Frederick Schreiner, Sr., who had followed the wagonmaker's trade in his native land, emigrated with his family to the United States, being the only member of his father's family to cross the ocean. Locating in Chillicothe in 1873, immediately after his arrival in this country, he was engaged in market gardening during the remainder of his active life, continuing a resident of this city until his death in 1910. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Heinzelman, died in 1909, leaving seven children, as follows: Frederick, Louis, Elizabeth, Catherine, Charles, Albert, and Jacob.

Frederick Schreiner attended school regularly until sixteen years old, and afterwards assisted his father in the factory, becoming familiar with the trade of a wagonmaker. Leaving the fatherland in 1872, he came to America, and for a year worked as a farm hand. The following five years he was employed as car carpenter by the Marietta and Cincinnati Railroad Company. Taking up his residence then in Chillicothe, Mr. Schreiner purchased a tract of land on South Avenue, just outside of the city limits, and there established a market garden. Very successful in his venture, he enlarged his operations, buying additional land until acquiring title to twenty-six acres, the greater part of which he placed under a high state of culture. After spending thirty-two years as a market gardener, Mr. Schreiner invested a portion of his savings in his present attractive home on Carlisle Hill, where he is now enjoying all of the comforts of life.

Mr. Schreiner married first, in 1879, Magdalena Heinzelman, who was born in Chillicothe, a daughter of George and Margaret Heinzelman. She passed to the life beyond in 1911. In 1912 Mr. Schreiner married Margaret Uhrig, who was born in Chillicothe, a daughter of Philip and Fredericka Uhrig. Mr. and Mrs. Schreiner are members of the Salem German Evangelical Church. Fraternally, Mr. Schreiner is a member of Scioto Lodge, No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Chillicothe Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; of Chillicothe Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters; and of Chillicothe Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar.

DE WITT CLINTON MARSHALL. A man of pronounced business ability and judgment, enterprising and progressive, De Witt Clinton Marshall,

a prominent lumber manufacturer and dealer, has long been a power in the industrial and commercial life of Chillicothe, his home city, and in the lumber trade of Ross County. He was born near Wait Station, Scioto County, Ohio, a son of De Witt Clinton Marshall, Sr., and grandson of Jesse Marshall, who was but a small child when he was brought by his parents to Ohio, in early pioneer days.

Mr. Marshall's great-grandfather, Samuel Marshall, was born, reared, and married in Pennsylvania. A soldier in the Revolutionary war, he served as a private, under Capt. David Marshall, in the Third Company, Third Battalion, Cumberland County Associates. Leaving Pittsburgh in the summer of 1795, he went down the Ohio River to Adams County, Ohio, locating in what is now Manchester, where he remained until after Wayne's treaty with the Indians. Locating then in Scioto County, on the present site of Boston Township, opposite the mouth of Taggart Creek, which is in Kentucky, he there built, according to the "History of Scioto County," written by N. W. Evans, the first log cabin in that county. His cabin when completed, in 1796, was the only habitation between Gallipolis and Manchester. When he came to Ohio, his family consisted of his wife, whose maiden name was Polly Hazelrigg, and three children, Zabina, Jesse, and Samuel. His daughter Fanny, their next child in succession of birth, was the first white child born in Scioto County.

Born in Pennsylvania, Jesse Marshall grew to manhood in Scioto County, as a boy assisting his father in clearing and improving a homestead. The country was heavily timbered, and settlers were few and far between. Wild game was plentiful, and, with the fish found in the streams, furnished food supplies for the family larder. After his marriage he settled on a farm, and was thereafter engaged in tilling the soil during his years of activity.

Born in Scioto County, De Witt Clinton Marshall, Sr., was early initiated into the mysteries of farming, becoming familiar with all of its branches. On arriving at man's estate, he decided to try a business career, and from that time until his death, at the age of three score years, was engaged in mercantile pursuits. He married Julia Ann, who was born in Scioto County, at Powellsville, a daughter of Josiah and Malinda Powell, and a descendant of William Powell, the first settler of Powellsville. She died in early womanhood.

De Witt Clinton Marshall was an only child, and after the death of his parents he made his home with Rev. H. J. Carr, a Free Will Baptist preacher in Jackson, Mrs. Carr having been his aunt. He received a practical education in the schools of that city, and having completed the regular course of study, came to Chillicothe in search of work. Entering the service of William H. Reed, a prominent lumber dealer, he remained in his employ twenty-two years. Upon the death of Mr. Reed, Mr. Marshall formed a partnership with Edward Reed, and continued the business which had been so firmly established. In 1910 Mr. Edward Reed died, and since that time Mr. Marshall has been sole proprietor of the business, which he is managing with characteristic

ability and success. He has a large planing mill, amply supplied with all of the improved and approved mechanical devices for successfully carrying on his work, and keeps a full stock of dressed lumber and all kinds of building material.

On April 30, 1875, Mr. Marshall was united in marriage with Sarah Caldwell, a daughter of Samuel and Maria (Wollam) Caldwell. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, namely: Mabel and Margaret. Mabel, wife of S. Andrew Roach, of New Lexington, Ohio, has four children, Wilson, Clinton, Sarah, and Robert. Margaret married Victor Pickett, and they have two children, Marshall and Miriam. Mr. and Mrs. Pickett reside in Waseca, Minnesota. Fraternally, Mr. Marshall is a member of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 24, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and of Sereno Lodge, No. 28, Knights of Pythias.

FRANK TILDEN MARR, M. D. Possessing marked ability as an investigator, and being well fitted by temperament and training for the medical profession, Frank T. Marr, M. D., of Chillicothe, is meeting with excellent success in his chosen work, as a physician and surgeon, having a large patronage. He was born in Chillicothe February 7, 1877, a son of Frederick Marr, who was the third in direct line of descent to bear that name. The doctor's great-grandfather, Frederick Marr, the first, was a prominent distiller and brewer in his native place, Wurtemberg, Germany, and also kept a public house, in which he entertained Napoleon Bonaparte, who presented him with a decanter, which is still owned by the Marr family.

Frederick Marr, the second, grandfather of Doctor Marr, was born in 1797, in Wurtemberg, Germany, and as a youth of eighteen years emigrated to the United States. After working for a while in a brewery in New York State, he purchased a farm near Seneca Falls, but the title proved defective, and he lost the \$1,000 that he had invested. Somewhat discouraged, he made his way to Ross County, Ohio, locating in Kingston, where he opened a general store, and kept a hotel for a time. Disposing of that property, he went first to Cincinnati, and from there to Sinking Springs, where he lived a short time. Returning to Ross County, he bought a farm lying nine miles south of Chillicothe, and there resided until his death, in 1869. He married Mary Hoselton, who was born at South Perry, Hocking County, Ohio, where her parents settled in pioneer days. She survived him a few years. Three children were born to them, as follows: Frederick, Joseph, and David. Mary Hoselton, however, the doctor's grandmother, was the second wife of Frederick Marr, the second, and by her marriage with him became the step-mother of five children, Elizabeth, George, John, Alonzo, and William.

Frederick Marr, the third, was born July 14, 1843, at Sinking Springs, Pike County, and was educated in the rural schools. He was a natural mechanic, and without serving an apprenticeship became an expert at the cooper's trade. Patriotic and enthusiastic, he enlisted in September, 1861, in Company F, Second Battalion, United States Infantry, which was assigned to the Fourteenth Army Corps, commanded by

Gen. George H. Thomas, and continued in service until honorably discharged, on account of disability, late in 1862. In 1863 he joined a company of state militia, organized in Chillicothe for state protection. In 1864 he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and went with his command to Virginia. After the battle at New Creek, on August 3, he was detailed to guard prisoners en route to Camp Chase, Columbus, and was subsequently thus employed until the expiration of his term of enlistment, when he was honorably discharged from the service. Returning home, he followed his trade a while, and then clerked a short time in a mercantile house, later being in the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company as a brakeman and fireman. Renting land near Frankfort in 1869, he farmed there four years, and then purchased, in Huntington Township, a farm, which he operated three years. Selling out, he came to Chillicothe, where he first worked at his trade, later becoming a clerk, and at the same time running a dairy in the city. The latter proved profitable, and he continued in the dairy business for a period of thirty years, in 1877 buying, on Carlisle Hill, the house which he has since occupied.

On March 31, 1867, Frederick Marr, third, married Mary Moritz, who was born in Blumberg, Baden, Germany, November 20, 1852, and came with her parents, John and Mary Moritz, to Salem, Ohio, where she was reared. Four children blessed their marriage, as follows: John Frederick, a druggist in Columbus; Frank Tilden, of whom we write; Della Mary, wife of Ray Simpson; and Grace Elizabeth, stenographer and bookkeeper in a mercantile establishment at Columbus.

Having received his diploma at the Chillicothe High School, Frank T. Marr taught school in Scioto Township two years, and then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, where he was graduated with the class of 1901. The ensuing two years, Doctor Marr was resident physician at the Baltimore City Hospital, during which time he took a post-graduate course at the Johns Hopkins University. In 1903 the doctor returned to Chillicothe, and opened an office, and has since been extensively and successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in this city, by his professional skill and ability having won a place of distinction among the leading physicians of this part of the country.

Doctor Marr married, in 1914, Sue Barton Dunlap, a daughter of Phillip Marion and Mary (Lutz) Dunlap, of Ross County, and granddaughter of John and Mary A. Dunlap. The doctor is a member of the Ross County Academy of Medicine; of the Ohio State Medical Society; and of the American Medical Association.

JOHN MOFFATT LESLIE, M. D. It is now nearly forty years since Doctor Leslie began to practice medicine in Ross County. More than thirty years of that time have been spent in the City of Chillicothe. While Doctor Leslie himself would be the last to make such a claim, there is no doubt that he is one of the most widely known physicians and surgeons in Southern Ohio. Particularly in the field of surgery have his abilities received recognition. In the opinion of people best

qualified to judge and according to the popular reputation in which he is held, Doctor Leslie has few peers in Southern Ohio as a skillful and scientific operator.

A native of Ross County, Ohio, where he was born April 20, 1850, John Moffatt Leslie is a son of John and Eliza (Moffatt) Leslie. Both parents were natives of the North of Ireland, came across the ocean to the New World when quite young, became acquainted and were married in this country and then settled on a farm in Ross County. Doctor Leslie was the fourth in their family of nine children and seven of them are still living.

Reared in the wholesome environment of a farm and country life Doctor Leslie after finishing his studies in the Frankfort High School became a private student under Rev. R. C. Galbraith. In 1872 he enrolled as a student of medicine under the late Dr. E. J. Galbraith, and in 1874 entered the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati, where he was graduated doctor of medicine in 1876. While in the medical college he won the W. W. Dawson prize for the best surgical dissection. He had unusual opportunities as a student, and during his entire course at Cincinnati he studied and worked in the Good Samaritan Hospital. After graduation he began practice with his old preceptor at Frankfort, Ohio, under the name of Doctors Galbraith & Leslie.

It was in 1882 that they removed to Chillicothe and continued their practice there until Doctor Galbraith's death in 1907. Since that year Doctor Leslie has practiced alone. After coming to Chillicothe Doctor Leslie began to limit his practice more and more to surgery. For a while he spent one day of each week with Dr. W. W. Dawson in the hospitals of Cincinnati. In 1888 he took a course of lectures in the Polyclinic at Chicago and later attended the Post-Graduate Medical School at New York. By means of this extensive course of study and observation and the exercise of his native abilities he attained the distinction which has long been associated with him as one of the ablest surgeons in the southern part of the state.

In 1892 Doctor Leslie married Miss Woodie Boyd, of St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Leslie makes his home one of charm and culture and is a woman of many excellences of mind and heart. She is of Virginia birth, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Southwood) Boyd. Since his marriage Doctor Leslie has been devoted to his home. It may be stated as an interesting evidence of this that after his marriage he gave up his membership in the Order of Elks and in the Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Doctor Leslie and wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. For more than thirty years he was a member of the American Medical Association and of the Ohio State Medical Society. In politics he is a democrat, and at the present time is serving as a member of the Board of Pension Examiners, and in 1914 was elected to his only important political office, coroner of Ross County, and is now giving much of his time and attention to that office.

JOHN B. LONG. Now serving his second term as county treasurer of Ross County, John B. Long regards with special satisfaction the fact that he is a native son of Ross County and has enjoyed several important honors at the hands of his fellow citizens who have known him from childhood to the present.

He was born in Frankfort, Ross County, February 25, 1862, son of William and Mary Long. His father, who died in Frankfort October 20, 1879, was a blacksmith by trade, an honest and capable workman and citizen, a member of the Methodist Church and in politics a democrat. Mary A. Briggs, who married William Long on February 23, 1859, died at Frankfort December 11, 1901.

John B. Long early in his career chose to be independent and mold his own destiny. He attended the common schools at Frankfort, but never went further than the grades. By his individual work in different capacities he quickly showed himself worthy of confidence, and has always enjoyed a high reputation for integrity and general ability.

In politics his work has been done in the ranks of the democratic party. For four years he held the position of postmaster at Frankfort. For four years he was deputy county treasurer, and as already stated is now in his second term as chief of the office of county treasurer. Mr. Long is also serving as treasurer of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church at Chillicothe.

On August 9, 1893, at Frankfort he married Miss Leora B. Wischart, who was born in Frankfort March 21, 1871. His father, James M. Wischart, was a soldier in the Civil war. To their union have been born four children. Madge Cozzens Long, born May 25, 1895, at Frankfort, was graduated from the Chillicothe High School with the class of 1913, and on April 22, 1914, was united in marriage to Lloyd D. Teeters, who is now assistant secretary of the Ohio Industrial Commission and they reside in Columbus. James William Long, second child, was born at Frankfort April 13, 1900, and is now in the second year of the High School at Chillicothe. Isabel Virginia Long, born August 9, 1903, and is in school. John Robert Long, born April 2, 1905, is also a schoolboy.

HON. THADDEUS MINSHALL. Among the prominent citizens whom Chillicothe has been called upon to mourn within the past few years, none are more genuinely missed than Hon. Thaddeus Minshall, whose services as lawyer, judge and chief justice are entitled to honorable recognition and praise, while as a man and a citizen he was held in the highest esteem. Fitted for the legal profession by natural gifts and temperament as well as by great learning, untiring industry and incorruptible integrity, the bench was undoubtedly the place that gave best scope to his highest attainments, and as chief justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio his name will hold a lasting place among those of his illustrious predecessors. A son of William Gilmore Minshall, he was born, January 19, 1834, in Colerain Township, Ross County, of English descent, his immigrant ancestor having been one of the little band of Quakers that came from England to this country with William Penn. His grand-

father, Ellis Minshall, who served as a soldier in the War of 1812, came from Virginia to Ohio about 1800, becoming a pioneer settler of the state. William Gilmore Minshall was engaged in agricultural pursuits during his entire life in Colerain Township. His wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Jones, died in 1841.

Left motherless when but seven years of age, Thaddeus Minshall obtained his rudimentary education in the rural schools, and being thrown upon his own resources when quite young worked for five years in a woolen mill, in the meanwhile continuing his studies at home by the dim light of a candle. Later, as opportunity, and his means, afforded, he attended the Kingston Academy, acquiring a good education, and at the age of twenty years began his professional career as a teacher. He subsequently read law in the office of Samuel Logan Wallace, and in the very early part of 1861 was admitted to the Ohio bar.

Responding to Lincoln's call for troops, in April, 1861, Mr. Minshall enlisted as a private in Company C, Twenty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three months, and was soon promoted to the rank of sergeant major. Honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of enlistment, Major Minshall returned home, and immediately set about raising a company, which was organized as Company H, of the Thirty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and of which he was elected captain. In that capacity he took an active part in many of the more important battles of the Civil war, among the more noteworthy of them having been the engagements at Perryville, Stone River, Hoover's Gap, Lookout Mountain, and Missionary Ridge. Accompanying Sherman's command in the Atlanta campaign, Captain Minshall participated in the battles at Ringgold, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, and Peach Tree Creek, and in the siege and capture of Atlanta, and in the Jonesboro fight. From a time prior to the siege of Atlanta until receiving his honorable discharge, at the expiration of his term of enlistment, in October, 1864, the brave captain had command of his regiment.

Soon after his return home, Mr. Minshall, in November, 1864, was elected prosecuting attorney for Ross County, but at the expiration of his term he refused a reelection, preferring to resume his private practice of law, in which he was eminently successful. In 1876 he was elected judge of the Court of Common Pleas for that subdivision of the Fifth Judicial District that included the counties of Ross, Highland and Fayette, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Thomas Gray. In 1878 he was reelected to the same position, and again in 1883. In 1885 he was honored with an election to the Supreme Court, and was twice reelected, first in 1890, and again in 1896, his term of service on the Supreme bench covering a period of sixteen years that he so ably performed the duties devolving upon him as chief justice. Resuming his practice in 1902, Judge Minshall continued until compelled by ill health to give it up, and he afterward lived retired at his pleasant home in Chillicothe until his death, November 22, 1908.

On April 9, 1873, Judge Minshall was united in marriage with Julia Ewing Pearson, who spent her entire life in Chillicothe, her birth occurring February 20, 1848, and her death September 30, 1903. Her father,

Addison Pearson, was born in, or near, Waynesboro, Virginia, and on coming to Ohio settled in Chillicothe. Active in public affairs, he served as treasurer of Ross County; and a prominent member of fraternal organizations, he served as grand master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and as master of Scioto Lodge, No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons. His wife, whose maiden name was Rosanna Ewing, was born in Ross County, of pioneer ancestry. Judge and Mrs. Minshall reared three sons, namely: Addison Pearson, of whom a brief sketch may be found on another page of this work; William Edwin, an attorney, with an office in Cleveland, resides at East Cleveland, where he is serving as mayor of the city; and Thaddeus Ellis, with the Union Iron Company at Erie, Pennsylvania. From a memorial written by Judge Minshall's associates at the bar, we take the following eulogy:—

“These few brief sentences record all that is generally known of a life that did honor to the community in which he lived, to the profession to which he devoted his life, and to the bench which he adorned. Born to a station in life that did not favor his advancement toward a successful career, he was not quite ten years old when he was thrown upon his own resources and compelled to make his own way. Gathering fitfully, and as if by accident, the merest rudiments of an education begun by the light of a tallow candle between the hours of work in a woolen factory, passing thence to the village school, and then to the position of teacher in a country school, in the very dawn of his early manhood he chose the law as his profession. He soon began to show the stern stuff that laid at the base of his character; but his advancement was not rapid. There was never indeed anything meteoric about his career. The strength of his mind, however, was above the average. That he had talent of a high order will be admitted by those who define talent as a capacity to make labor productive; but he owed his success far more to patient and ceaseless study of legal principles, and the careful investigation of the facts involved in his cases, than to any inherent or unusual strength of intellect. Many men as well equipped mentally as he have failed at the bar or upon the bench. In the practice of the law, few men have been favored less than he by luck or happy accident; his victories were always fairly won as the fruits of earnest, honest effort. He learned early that the law is a jealous mistress, and he gave his entire life to his profession with complete devotion.

“His character in all of its phases was intense. His passions, his opinions, his prejudices, even, were all and always at high pressure. At the bar and on the bench his conclusions were reached with great care and much caution, but when once arrived at, to him at least, they meant verity. This intensity of disposition made him one of the most self-reliant of men, and added greatly to the force with which he presented questions of law or fact. Those who heard him believed that, whether he was right or wrong, he felt that he was right, while the innate modesty of the man prevented the fault that is apt to attend such a disposition. It is believed that his whole professional career presents few, if any, instances of boastful self-assertion or claim of superiority. His life was

guided by a high standard of right that would not bend to circumstances or yield to conditions, but was ever present to sustain and strengthen his conduct. His mind and character were cast, however, in a partisan mould; and at the bar he was always ready for the fray, and enjoyed the intellectual sword practice sometimes necessary in the trial of cases, yet he would not fight with poisoned weapons, or take an unfair advantage of an opponent in order to win a victory. In a hotly contested cause, and although his fighting blood was up, he has been known to pass by without comment the testimony of a witness greatly favoring his side, because he believed the witness had not told the whole truth.

"Judge Minshall brought to the bench the same painstaking devotion to the duties of the great office that had characterized his efforts at the bar, and with it a quiet dignity that at once commanded the respect of those who practiced before him. As a common pleas judge he was apt to be a trifle impatient with the man babbler who had nothing to present, and who wasted the time of the Court with empty words devoid of logical thought; but to the lawyer who had an argument to present, he was a patient listener, and he was always considerate and kind to those who had business to transact in his Court. His intellectual processes were not rapid, and his off hand opinions delivered during the progress of a trial were not apt to be as safe as though he had time to more fully consider; and there is little doubt that the position he so long occupied as a member of the Supreme Court was the one best suited to the character of his mind; his published opinions while judge or chief justice of the Supreme Court are found in volumes forty-four to sixty-five, both inclusive. Many of these opinions in important cases exhibit great legal learning, logical reasoning, and remarkable powers of keen and discriminating judgment. He cared more for good reasons than for precedents; and indeed both as a lawyer and a judge he acted upon Lord Mansfield's idea that 'the law does not consist of particular cases, but of general principles which are illustrated and explained by the cases.'

"As a private citizen no man in the community in which he spent his life was more highly regarded, and he died crowned with the honor, respect and good will of every one who knew him. As citizen, soldier, lawyer, judge, throughout a life lasting beyond the allotted three-score and ten, he acted well his part always.

"The ripest fruit of his learning and wisdom are recorded among the decisions of the Supreme Court of Ohio; the private life of the man, his unceasing adherence to principles of truth and justice are written, as it were, in water; nevertheless, the application of the final test of sterling manhood exhibits his last and greatest success. The world is better for his having lived in it.

"Respectfully submitted,

"J. P. Bradbury,

"S. F. Steele,

"Mills Gardner,

"John H. Vanmeter,

"Willis H. Wiggins."

ADDISON PEARSON MINSHALL. Possessing good mental abilities well trained, and the will and disposition to work, Addison Pearson Minshall, prosecuting attorney of Ross County, has gained high standing in his profession through close and persistent application to his business. He was born April 26, 1874, in Chillicothe, a son of the late Hon. Thaddeus Minshall, of whom a brief personal history is given elsewhere in this volume.

Having completed the course of study in the Chillicothe public schools, Addison P. Minshall attended the Ohio State University three years, being in the preparatory department two years, and in the collegiate department one year. In 1894, having read law in the office of Col. J. C. Entrekin the previous year, he entered the Cincinnati College of Law, where he ranked well as a student, and was popular with his fellow-mates, being made president of his class. He was graduated in 1896, and in May of that year was admitted to the Ohio bar. Returning to Chillicothe, Mr. Minshall began practice in the office of Stone & Massie, with whom he remained until the retirement of his father from the bench. He was subsequently associated with his father as a member of the firm of Minshall & Minshall until his father retired from active practice on account of ill health. Mr. Minshall subsequently practiced alone until January, 1911, when he formed a partnership with H. C. Claypool, and as junior member of the firm of Claypool & Minshall continued his legal work four years, retiring from that firm on January 4, 1915, to assume the duties of prosecuting attorney of Ross County, to which office he had been elected the previous November. In 1914, just after his election, he resigned his position as United States Commissioner, an office that he had held for ten years.

Mr. Minshall married April 30, 1901, Miss Edith Doty, a daughter of Theodore and Martha Doty, and they have one child, Julia Martha Minshall. Mr. Minshall belongs to the Chi Phi College fraternity. He is also a member of Scioto Lodge No. 6, and is past master of the lodge, an office which his Grandfather Pearson held many years ago; he is also a member of Chillicothe Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; of Chillicothe Council, No. 4, Royal and Select Masters; and of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

GEORGE C. RITTENOUR. Among the native-born citizens of Ross County who spent the major part of their lives within its precincts, aiding as far as possible its growth and development, whether relating to its agricultural, mercantile, or financial interests, was George C. Rittenour, who died December 30, 1915, at his home in Jefferson Township, aged ninety years, nine months and nineteen days. He had a good record for length of days and useful activity. A son of Jacob Rittenour, he was born March 11, 1825, in Jefferson Township, of German ancestry, his great-grandfather, John Rittenour, having emigrated from Germany to America in colonial days, locating in Virginia, where he remained permanently until his death.

Anthony Rittenour, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born and reared in Rockingham County, Virginia, and, with the exception of one year spent in Washington County, Pennsylvania, resided in Virginia until 1798. In that year, accompanied by his wife and children, he made an overland journey to that part of the Northwest Territory that is now known as Ross County, and here, in Jefferson Township, secured a tract of Government land. All of the country roundabout was in its virgin wildness, the dense forests being inhabited by deer, panthers, wolves, and wild game of all kinds, while the sparkling streams abounded with fish. With the assistance of his sons he began the clearing of the land, and the following year erected a substantial stone house, which he occupied until his death, in 1835. He married Elizabeth Slusher, who was also of German descent, and to them six sons and two daughters were born, as follows: Henry; George; Jacob; Frederick; John; William; Eve, who married first a Mr. McNeil, and for her second husband married Smiley Caldwell; and Margaret, who became the wife of Rev. Hector Sanford. An ardent Methodist in religion, Anthony Rittenour contributed very liberally toward the building of the stone church, and also gave an acre of ground for the Jefferson Township Cemetery.

Born in Frederick County, Virginia, February 15, 1787, Jacob Rittenour was a lad of eleven years when brought by his parents to Ross County, where he was reared in true pioneer style. During his earlier life there were neither railroads nor canals in the country; neither were there any convenient markets in the territory; and very little money was in circulation. Live stock, including the hogs, was driven across the country to Baltimore and other eastern markets, the journeys to and fro being long and tiresome. From the flax raised by the farmers the diligent housewives spun and wove all of the material from which they fashioned the clothes worn by their families. He began as a boy to assist on the home farm, and was subsequently engaged in agricultural pursuits in Jefferson Township the remainder of his life, dying October 15, 1882. He married, April 3, 1812, Anna Claypool, who was born in Randolph County, Virginia, of honored English stock, one of her early English ancestors, a certain John Claypool, having married the favorite daughter of Oliver Cromwell. Her father, Abraham Claypool, was born in Harding County, West Virginia, April 2, 1762, and his father, James Claypool, Jr., was born in Virginia, December 1, 1730, a son of James Claypool, Sr. This James Claypool, Sr., grandfather of Anna Claypool, and great-grandfather of Mr. Rittenour, was born in Virginia, February 14, 1701, and married, October 9, 1753, Margaret Dunbar, who was born November 20, 1736, and died March 26, 1813. She reared nine daughters and three sons. Abraham Claypool, Mr. Rittenour's maternal grandfather, received an excellent education in his native state, and there lived until coming to Ohio in 1799. Selecting what he considered a desirable tract of land in Liberty Township, he began the improvement of a homestead. A man of broad capacity, energetic and forceful, he soon became influential in

public affairs, and served not only as a member of the first state constitutional convention, but of the first State Senate, which convened at Chillicothe in 1803. He improved a valuable farm, and having built a commodious house of hewed logs was there a resident until his death. He married Elizabeth Wilson. Mrs. Anna (Claypool) Rittenour died June 3, 1873. To her and her husband, four children were born and reared, namely: James; Isaac Newton; George C., the special subject of this sketch; and Margaret, who died unmarried, February 22, 1898. James, who settled at Independence, Indiana, married Ellen Hemphill. Isaac N., who lived but thirty-three years, married Sarah, daughter of Thomas Orr. True to the religious faith in which they were brought up, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rittenour were also active and valued members of the Methodist Church.

George C. Rittenour was educated in the district schools, while on the home farm he was well trained in agricultural arts. Soon after entering his teens, he went to Richmondale to live with an older brother, and while there worked as a farm hand during seed time and harvest, the remainder of the year being employed as a clerk in his brother's store. On attaining his majority, he engaged in mercantile pursuits on his own account, forming a copartnership with his brother. After his marriage Mr. Rittenour located in Chillicothe, and here, in company with his nephew, John W. Rittenour, and Austin and Nelson Purdum, erected a building, and embarked in the hardware and farm implement business. A little more than a year after the establishment of the firm, Austin Purdum died, and the business was closed out. Mr. Rittenour in the meantime had been managing his father's estate, and had likewise built up a large and lucrative trade as a cattle dealer. He soon purchased, in company with his brother James, a tract of land in Fayette County, near Bloomingburg, retaining, however, his residence in Ross County. Subsequently selling his interest in his Fayette County property to his brother, Mr. Rittenour purchased land in Pike County, near the home of his father-in-law, T. W. Sargent, and later, at different times, bought other tracts in Ross County until his land holdings amounted to upwards of 3,000 acres of rich farm lands. For a period of nearly three-score and ten years, Mr. Rittenour was actively and successfully engaged in business, but afterward lived retired in Chillicothe, enjoying the fruits of a long and well spent life.

Mr. Rittenour married, September 1, 1857, Elizabeth Sargent, who was born in Pike County, Ohio, a daughter of Thornton Williams and Elizabeth (Mustard) Sargent. She died July 29, 1911, aged seventy-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Rittenour reared three sons, namely: Thornton Sargent, James Milton, and Henry Francis. Thornton S. married Jennie Higbye, and they have one son, George Willey, who spent two years at the Ohio Wesleyan University, later graduated from the literary department of Yale, and was subsequently graduated from the law department of Harvard University. James M., the second son of the parental household, married Alberta Norton, and their only child, George Norton Rittenour, is a student in the Chillicothe High School. Henry

Francis, the youngest son of Mr. Rittenour, married Eliza DuBois, and they have one child, Everett Francis, who is attending the Ohio Wesleyan University, being a member of the class of 1918. In his religious belief, Mr. Rittenour was a Methodist, both he and his wife having adhered to the faith in which they were reared.

GILBERT E. ROBBINS, M. D. Identified with one of the most important and exacting as well as one of the most useful of professions, Gilbert E. Robbins, M. D., holds a noteworthy place among the leading citizens of Chillicothe and ranks high as an able and skillful physician.

It was through his initiative that the first hospital was opened in Chillicothe. He founded the Ross County Anti-Tuberculosis Society, now the Ross County Welfare Society. His personal efforts were chiefly responsible for the building of the District Tuberculosis Hospital.

Doctor Robbins is a member of the Ross County Academy of Medicine and an ex-president; member of the Ohio State Medical Society, the Mississippi Valley Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is ex-president of the Tenth District Medical Society and ex-president of the Ohio Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. For three years he was a trustee of the Athens State Hospital, being appointed by Governor Harris in January, 1909.

Born in the Village of Lubeck, Wood County, West Virginia, he comes of substantial New England ancestry, his paternal grandfather, Jonathan Robbins having been born and reared in New England, although he afterward moved to Orange County, New York, and from there to Wood County, West Virginia, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life of three score and ten years.

Gilbert Robbins, father of Doctor Robbins, was born in 1832 in Orange County, New York, and as a young man served an apprenticeship at the wagonmaker's trade. He subsequently opened a shop in Lubeck, Wood County, Virginia, where he was engaged in the manufacture of wagons several years. During the progress of the Civil war the village in which he lived and all that section of the country suffered frequent invasions from both armies, but as he had a crippled hand he could not enlist as a soldier in the army, but was made captain of a company of Home Guards. Coming to Ohio with his family in 1865, he bought land in Washington Township, Jackson County, and embarked in general farming. Several years later he removed to Chillicothe, where he lived retired from active business until his death in 1912, aged eighty years. His wife, whose maiden name was Caroline Leah Heaton, was born in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and since the death of her husband has made her home with her children. She reared a family of six sons and two daughters, as follows: Alfred L., deceased; Lillie, Gilbert E., George K., James F., Ella, Charles and Nelson.

With an elementary education acquired in the rural schools, and after advanced studies in the National Normal School at Lebanon, Gilbert E. Robbins began life as a school teacher when but sixteen years of age. During the ensuing ten years he alternately taught school and attended

school. In the meantime, industrious and ambitious, he studied medicine in the office of Dr. D. H. Scott at Chillicothe and later attended lectures at the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville, where he was graduated with the class of 1889. Doctor Robbins began the practice of his profession at Waverly, Pike County, but at the end of six months removed to Bourneville, Ross County, where he remained about four years. In 1894 he located in Chillicothe, and as a physician has met with signal success, his patronage being large and highly remunerative.

Doctor Robbins' wife was Miss Frances Renick, of Chillicothe. A daughter, Bertha, is the wife of Mr. Robert Acton, and a son, Everett, is a student in the College of Medicine of the Ohio State University at Columbus.

Fraternally, Doctor Robbins is a member of Paint Valley Lodge, No. 808, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Bourneville, Ohio, of the different Masonic bodies of Chillicothe, and of Lodge No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Chillicothe. He was a member of the Board of Education of Chillicothe for eleven years.

HON. LOUIS M. DAY. Numbered among the able and influential, yet unassuming, members of the Ross County bar, Hon. Louis M. Day, of Chillicothe, has achieved success by a systematic application of his abilities to the profession of his choice—a profession demanding veritable talent and an unlimited stock of persevering industry. He comes of excellent English ancestry, being a direct descendant in the fifth generation of one John Day, who came from Derbyshire, England, his native place, to America about 1750, locating in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, where he spent his remaining years. The line of descent is thus traced: John, Samuel, Sr., Samuel, Jr., Milton, and Louis M.

Samuel Day was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and there grew to man's estate. Going from there to North Carolina, he lived in Guilford County, near Colfax, until some time during the progress of the Revolutionary war. Enlisting then as a soldier, he served under Gen. Francis Marion, in Colonel Morgan's regiment, and at the Battle of Cowpens, was wounded in the shoulder. Recovering from his wound, he rejoined his command. Later, while in camp, one of his duties was to climb a pole to take observations. On one occasion, while performing that duty, the pole was shot from under him and he fell to the ground, breaking his leg in such a way that he was incapacitated for further active service. At the close of the war, Colonel Morgan's men were awarded a tract of land in what is now Pendleton County, West Virginia. Taking advantage of this opportunity for securing a home, Samuel Day located on his grant of land, and in the humble home that he there erected all of his ten children were born. In August, 1805, following the march of civilization westward, he came with his wife and children to Ross County, Ohio, the entire family making the journey on horseback. His cousin, Daniel Boone, the famous backwoodsman and trapper, who had hunted throughout this country, had frequently told him of its natural advantages and advised him if he ever came West to

seek a location on Deer Creek, at the mouth of Waugh Run. Following his cousin's advice, he purchased a tract of land at the mouth of the run, and in the midst of the wilderness erected a log cabin. The country was new and undeveloped, and the land in its primitive wildness, its dense growth of timber being inhabited by the wily red man and the wild beasts of the forest, neither, however, proving very troublesome. With the aid of his children, he improved his land, and later bought other farms in that vicinity. Subsequently buying a farm at Good Hope, he was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, in 1823. An elder brother of Samuel Day, John Day, was also a soldier under General Marion, and after the Revolutionary war became a member of the Lewis and Clark expedition and was the only man to die of the party. His death occurred at a point on the Columbia River where it is joined by another stream from the south. This was named John Day River by General Clark and still bears that name. There is also a county and town of the same name.

The rifle which Samuel Day carried in the Revolutionary war was afterwards used by his son Orvington in the War of 1812, and is now one of the most treasured possessions of his great-grandson, Louis M. Day, of whom we write. The coat which he wore when he was wounded in battle is also preserved by one of his descendants. He married, at the close of the Revolution, Margaret Ann Cohagne, who was born in North Carolina, and died, in 1835, in Ohio. Ten children were born to them, as follows: Hedgeman, Ransom, Orvington, Addison, Allison, DeMerville T., Rebecca, Dorcas, Charles and Samuel.

Samuel Day, the youngest member of the parental household, was born in Pendleton County, West Virginia, May 22, 1805, and when scarce three months old was brought by his parents to Ross County. Finding the peaceful pursuit to which he was reared congenial to his tastes, he began farming for himself in early manhood, locating on a farm situated in Deerfield and Concord townships, the land having been given to him by his father, who purchased it in 1811. Building his dwelling house on the Concord side of the line, he was there successfully employed in tilling the soil the remainder of his life, dying at the age of seventy-six years.

The maiden name of the wife of Samuel Day was Margaret Hewett. A daughter of William Hewett, she was born on an adjoining farm, in May of 1806, and died January 15, 1858. William Hewett, a native of Londonderry, Ireland, married Mollie MacArthur, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. Locating in Ross County in 1798, he built a substantial double log house of walnut logs, using wild cherry for the flooring and joists, all of the timber being grown on the home farm.

The house stood until 1902, many years after his death, which occurred in 1850, while that of his wife, Mrs. Hewett, occurred in 1858. Samuel and Margaret (Hewett) Day were the parents of six children, namely: Mary E., Rebecca J., Margaret Cohagen, Samuel O., Milton, and Orvington.

Born December 3, 1845, in Concord Township, Ross County, Milton

Day was educated in the rural schools, and while assisting his father became familiarly acquainted with the various branches of agriculture. Subsequently coming into possession, by inheritance, of a portion of the parental homestead, he there followed general farming a number of seasons. Making good use then of his native mechanical talent, he took up carpentering, and for fifteen years was in the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, being connected with the construction department. Resigning his position with that company, he has since lived retired in Chillicothe. He married Elizabeth Shockley, who was born July 9, 1845, in Ross County, near Clarksburg, which was likewise the birthplace of her father, Benjamin Shockley. Her grandparents, Charles and Mattie (Butler) Shockley, natives of Culpeper, Virginia, came to Ross County about 1800, settling near Clarksburg, where they kept a public house for many years, being among the pioneer tavern keepers of the county. Benjamin Shockley was born near Clarksburg, and married Nancy Vass, a daughter of Canley and Mollie (Dennis) Vass, natives of Maryland, Mr. Vass having been born in Worcester County, and Mrs. Vass in Dorchester County. Both the Vass and the Dennis families were pioneers of Ross County, Ohio.

The only child of his parents, Louis M. Day was born July 29, 1870, on the home farm in Concord Township, in the same house in which his father first opened his eyes to the light of this world. Completing his rudimentary education in District No. 19 School, in Concord Township, he subsequently studied for two years under Prof. Alfred Holbrook, at the Lebanon Normal School. A short time later Mr. Day accepted a position as traveling salesman, with headquarters at Hartford City, Indiana, and when through with that work became a clerk in the furniture store of Bowers & Billings, in Chillicothe. Subsequently beginning the study of law in the office of Mayo, Yaple & Phillips, Mr. Day was admitted to the bar on March 7, 1895, and has since been in active practice in Chillicothe, by close attention to his legal work winning distinct prestige in his profession. From his practice at Chillicothe Mr. Day was called to one of the most responsible offices of state administration at Columbus, when Governor Frank B. Willis appointed him, December 21, 1915, a member of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Deeply interested in the issues affecting the welfare of the nation, Mr. Day has never shirked the responsibilities of public office. A democrat in politics, he was elected a member of the State Legislature in 1908, and served so efficiently and so satisfactorily to all parties that he was re-elected in 1910, being the first Ross County democrat to succeed himself since 1858, when Lawrence T. Neil was honored with a re-election to the same position. While there he served as a member of the committees on railroads, telegraphs, judiciary, prisons, and privileges. The only fraternal organization to which he belongs is the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Day married, October 29, 1891, Ida A. Maughmer, a daughter of John and Lucinda (Harley) Maughmer, and granddaughter on the paternal side of Jacob and Margaret (Nichols) Maughmer, and on the

maternal side of John G. and Elizabeth (McCune) Harley. Both the Maughmer and the Harley families were pioneer settlers of Ross County. Mr. Day's grandparents were stanch Presbyterians, but his parents are Methodists, while both Mr. and Mrs. Day are active members of the Presbyterian Church.

L. C. ANDERSON. One of the well-known old residents of Ross County, proprietor of the Lawnsmere farm in Paxton Township, L. C. Anderson has spent his lifetime within the limits of this county, and his people located here more than a century ago.

His fine country estate, ranking among the best in the county, lies one mile southeast of Bainbridge. That farm comprises 350 acres, and he also owns 200 acres in Perry Township of Pike County. Mr. Anderson was born in Union Township of Ross County, March 18, 1865, a son of James R. and Mary J. (Morris) Anderson. His father was born in what was then the Village of Chillicothe, October 22, 1817. The paternal grandparents were Levi and Isabella (Swarts) Anderson. Levi Anderson and wife were Virginia people, who moved from that state to Kentucky in pioneer days, and in the early years of the nineteenth century moved to Ross County. One of the pioneers of Chillicothe, Levi Anderson was for a number of years the leading merchant of that city, and built up a business which had a high place among the commercial activities of the county. His enterprise entered actively into much of the early industrial life of the county. He was one of the first to manufacture woolen goods, and his capital was also invested in the large farm in Union Township where his son, James R., lived for so many years.

James R. Anderson during his early youth assisted his father in the store at Chillicothe and was also connected with the Valley Bank, now the Ross County Bank. Giving up a business career, he found a more congenial occupation on the large homestead of his father, to which he removed in his twenty-fourth year. This farm comprised 1,000 acres of fine land and under his ownership it was made one of the most productive estates of the county. He lived there until his death on March 16, 1889. The name of James R. Anderson should find a permanent place in Ross County annals because of his pioneer efforts as a stock breeder. He was among the first in this section of Ohio to introduce the fancy shorthorn cattle. He brought in the nucleus of his splendid herd in 1854, and he maintained this strain of cattle until his death thirty-five years later. His cattle were shown all over the United States, and they took many of the first prizes. James Anderson was one of the wealthy men of his day and a very prominent citizen. Besides shorthorn cattle, he kept some fine Berkshire hogs on his farm and also indulged a fancy for trotting horses. While a farmer, he had the training and instincts of the thorough business man, and it was judgment and efficiency that gained him so high a place in the esteem of his community. James R. Anderson married Mary J. Morris, who was descended from prominent American ancestry and was connected with one of the prominent actors in the Rogers and Clark expedition, by which the Northwest

country was conquered from the British during the war of the Revolution. James R. Anderson and wife became the parents of ten children: John S., who died at the age of about seventy years; Thomas L., who lives in Kansas; Mary M., wife of John S. Steele, of Chillicothe; Isabelle, who died in infancy; Jeannette, living at Chillicothe, the widow of Alexander Steele; James, Jr., of Twin Township, Ross County; William D., of Union Township; Lewis F., now deceased; Margaret M., who died young; and L. C. Anderson.

L. C. Anderson grew up in a home of substantial comfort and with those influences which mold and develop the character of sterling manhood. He attended the country schools and also was a student in the private academy at Chillicothe conducted by Professor Poe. He finished his early training in the National Normal University at Lebanon. The chief interests of his early career were at the old home of his father, where he employed himself as overseer of the farm and for a number of years was in complete control of the cattle department. He knows every phase and detail of cattle raising, and is a worthy successor of his father in that respect.

On October 29, 1891, Mr. Anderson married Sallie Blosser, a daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Bisantz) Blosser. Mrs. Anderson was born at the Slate Mills in Twin Township of Ross County. Her father, Jacob, died March 8, 1908, and her mother on September 28, 1906. Jacob Blosser was born in Page County, Virginia, and in early childhood accompanied his parents to Pike County, Ohio. He grew up there, married Miss Bisantz in that county, and a little later they removed to Ross County, where Jacob Blosser bought the Slate Mills. He operated those mills for the grinding of flour and other grains for a number of years, sold them about 1891, and devoted his remaining years to the management and care of his extensive farm interests. He was one of the foremost men of Ross County in his generation in point of material interests and prosperity. His wife, Margaret Bisantz, was born in Pike County, Ohio. There were seven children in the Blosser family, five of whom reached maturity and four are still living: Anna is the wife of G. W. Struckman, of Celina, Ohio; the second in age is Mrs. Anderson; Peter J. is a large land owner and a practicing attorney at Chillicothe; Margaret is the deceased wife of Rollo W. Marchant; Elizabeth is the wife of Judge Frank L. Touvelle, of Oregon.

After his marriage, Mr. Anderson lived for two years on the old homestead, and then on March 6, 1894, took possession of his first place of 250 acres near Bainbridge. He has since added 100 acres to his control, and now has enough land and sufficient equipment in order to follow out his ideas of practical farming and stock raising on a large scale. Mr. Anderson is a republican and is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bainbridge, of which his family are members.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have one son, Jacob Blosser Anderson, who was born January 9, 1893. He graduated from the Bainbridge High School, from the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, and took a course in engineering which has made him a valuable assistant on the

home farm, where he has lived and worked with his father since leaving college. He is also a member of the Ohio National Guard and at this writing is in the training camp at Columbus.

LEWIS H. TAYLOR. To mention the name Taylor in Ross County is to recall the fortunes and experiences of one of the oldest families to find a home in this part of the early wilderness of Ohio.

It was soon after Gen. Anthony Wayne had subdued the Indians and had made an effective treaty for possession of Ohio Territory in 1795 that the Taylors ventured into this portion of the wilderness from Kentucky. The earliest member of the family in Ross County was William Taylor. He was a Revolutionary soldier. He had been reared in New Jersey and had enlisted from that colony for service in the war for independence. Later he led his family from the Atlantic seaboard across the mountains into the wilds of Kentucky, and from there in 1796 crossed the streams and penetrated the woods of Southern Ohio until they arrived in Ross County. There he secured patent to a large tract of land and spent the rest of his years. A part of that land is still intact and in the Taylor ownership, and it is one of the few farms that can boast a continuous possession by one family through nearly a century and a quarter.

Jonathan Taylor, a son of the pioneer and revolutionary soldier, William Taylor, was born in Kentucky and was only three years of age when he came to Ross County. He grew up on the frontier, became skilled in all the arts and accomplishments of that day, and also had some of the culture and refinement that go with schools and books. He spent his life on the Taylor homestead in Ross County and reared his family there.

Alexander Taylor, representing the third generation of this family in Ross County, was born on the old homestead in Paxton Township in 1817. After his marriage he located near Frankfort, but after the death of his father, Jonathan, he bought the interests of the other heirs in the old homestead, which originally contained 260 acres, and there he worked, prospered, exercised a wide range of influence and passed away in 1896. His death occurred just a century after the family had come to Ross County. He was a man of quiet, unassuming character, attended strictly to his own business, and while public spirited to a high degree, he was never drawn into the activities of public life. He married Isabelle Porter, who was born in Twin Township of Ross County, January 12, 1832. Her father, Joshua Porter, was also born in Ross County, and the Porters are one of the very early families of this section, having come from Virginia and settled in this part of Ohio before the close of the eighteenth century.

The only son and child of Alexander Taylor and wife is Mr. Lewis H. Taylor, who was born near Franklin October 3, 1862. The farm where he now resides is his property, and its 162 acres are situated 1½ miles southeast of Bainbridge. He has always been identified with its management since his early youth, and being the only child, he provided a

home and gave constant care to his parents during their declining years.

On January 20, 1903, Mr. Taylor married Miss Melda Carter, who was born in Pike County, Ohio, a daughter of Elijah and Nancy Carter, who came from Bainbridge when Mrs. Taylor was a girl. Without children of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have an adopted daughter, Mary Pauline.

Mr. Taylor has land and facilities sufficient to allow him to indulge his fancy for good livestock, and his farm is up-to-date and modern in every detail. He also has a number of other business interests besides his farm. In politics he is a republican.

CHARLES R. KINSLEY. One of the most energetic business men and citizens of Bainbridge during the past quarter of a century has been Charles R. Kinsley, who is manager of the Bainbridge Lumber Company, and is also a competent architect by profession.

He is a native of Ohio, having been born in Perry Township of Pike County, a son of James H. and Nancy (McCord) Kinsley. His father was reared near Bainbridge, in Ross County, while the mother grew up in Pike County, Ohio. James H. Kinsley was a wagonmaker by trade, and was also an honored veteran of the Civil war, in which he served for one year until discharged on account of disability. Of the seven sons of the family, the three now living are Charles R., D. E. Kinsley, of Xenia, Ohio, a contractor, and Edwin, of Springfield, Ohio.

Charles R. Kinsley spent his early years chiefly in Highland County, Ohio, where he attended the public schools. Having a bent for mechanical lines, he took up the trade of carpenter, became a successful contractor, and on March 17, 1892, removed to Bainbridge, where he has since been in the lumber business and has also furnished plans for a great many houses put up in that section of Ross County. He owns buildings where the lumber company is located, and his own energy and personality have been important factors in the growth of that splendid business.

March 28, 1888, Mr. Kinsley married Miss Susan E. Peabody, who was reared in Highland County, Ohio, and received a common school education. To their marriage were born seven children, Kate, Omer, Imogene, Clarence, Thelma, George and Virginia. The daughter Kate is a graduate of the high school and is now teaching in Bainbridge. Omer is also a high school graduate. Imogene graduated from the high school and is also one of the teachers at Bainbridge. Clarence, after leaving high school, became bookkeeper in the Rockhold Bank at Bainbridge, a position he still occupies.

Mr. Kinsley is a member and past grand of Bainbridge Lodge, No. 437, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and politically is a democrat. He has served in the town council and as a member of the board of public affairs. Strictly honorable and upright in all his dealings, he has the confidence of all the people in his section of Ross County, and his career has been one of the finest honor and success.

HUGH FRANCIS EGAN. A native son of Ross County, Mr. Egan has for a great many years been known as an editor and newspaper publisher and has made himself and his paper valuable factors in the growth and development of the little city of Adelphi. In addition to publishing and editing the Adelphi Border News, which is recognized as the home paper for a large number of subscribers not only in Ross but adjacent counties, he is owner, publisher and editor of the Ohio Red Man, the official organ of the Improved Order of Red Men in Ohio. He also conducts an extensive job printing plant, and has one of the most completely furnished offices in Southern Ohio.

Born in the City of Chillicothe August 24, 1856, Hugh Francis Egan is a son of Joseph and Sarah A. (Savage) Egan. His parents were of humble Irish birth, and like many people who came from that country in the middle years of the last century they had to work hard for all they ever got or enjoyed. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Egan was quite active in the early days in Chillicothe and held a number of commissions of trust. The Egan family came by sailing vessel to America and settled in Chillicothe in 1850. Joseph Egan, who was a native of Limerick, married Miss Sarah Savage in Chillicothe in 1852. He was for several years a laborer and then became a gas plumber. He was a man of but moderate education, but was industrious, careful and a man properly honored in his community. He did his share toward maintaining his church, the Catholic, the parochial schools and other local institutions. His death occurred at the age of eighty-four. His wife, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, died in 1869 at the age of thirty-five.

Hugh Francis Egan, who was one of a family of ten children, had to assume certain serious responsibilities connected with making his way in the world at an early age. He attended both the parochial and public schools of Chillicothe, and at the age of fifteen entered the office of the old Advertiser to learn the trade of printer. He remained in that office until 1883, and then removed his family to Adelphi and bought out the Adelphi Border News, a weekly paper which had been founded in 1879. Mr. Egan confesses to many hard struggles and ups and downs in his early career as a newspaper man. He finally gave to Adelphi a paper of which that community is proud. It has a wide circulation not only in Ross County but in Pickaway, Hocking and Fairfield counties.

In September, 1874, Mr. Egan married Sarah T. Bennett. They have reared and educated eight children, five sons and three daughters. All are married now. The sons all learned the trade of printing with their father, and four of them are now working at the trade. A brief record of these children is as follows: Hugh B. Egan, who was born in Chillicothe, is a printer by trade, and is married and lives in Columbus; Sarah, born in Chillicothe, married, at Adelphi, Elgernon Flannigan, a farmer; Joseph Henry, who is a barber by trade and is married and living in Adelphi; Carolyn Egan, born in Chillicothe, was married in Adelphi to Hugh L. Reedy, a clerk in the United States mail service,

and they live in Columbus; George W., born at Adelphi, is married and lives in Columbus, where he is a salesman; Mary M., born at Adelphi, married William H. Barton, principal of the Adelphi schools; Edward, born in Adelphi, is a printer and is married; Robert, born at Adelphi, is also a printer. All the children received their education in the public schools.

Mr. Egan was reared in the faith of the Catholic Church. While a resident of Chillicothe he was identified with several religious, civil and military organizations, and has always enjoyed the confidence of his fellow men in every position of life. He served as mayor of Adelphi for twelve years and was clerk of the township board of education and board of trustees for twelve years, and was also for several years a councilman and member of the local board of education. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Ross County Memorial Commission by appointment from James M. Cox, governor of Ohio, September 4, 1914. Through these positions, as editor of the leading paper, and as a private citizen, he has done much to build up and promote the welfare of his home locality.

He is particularly well known not only in Ohio but throughout the country for his work in the Improved Order of Red Men. He joined that order in June, 1895. In 1897 he represented Corn Planter Tribe in the Great Council of Ohio and continued as representative until 1901. He was then elected Great Junior Sagamore of the Great Council of Ohio, and in 1902 was elected Great Senior and in 1903 became Great Sachem. That high post he filled with credit until May, 1904, when he presided over the Great Council at Mansfield. He has also represented Ohio in the Supreme Great Council of the United States and in the national body has served on several important committees. Mr. Egan has been a member of Adelphi Lodge of the Knights of Pythias for fifteen years, and formerly held membership in the Modern Woodmen of America. At Adelphi he superintended the construction of the magnificent Red Men's Building, was for ten years secretary of the Knights of Pythias Fair and Carnival, and helped make the local lodge of Knights of Pythias highly successful.

Mr. Egan deserves much credit for the establishment of the Adelphi Banking Company, in which he has held the position of secretary to the board of directors since it was founded. He has a beautiful modern home, and has also employed his taste and experience in supervising various public buildings at Adelphi, including the Opera House. Though now in his sixtieth year, Mr. Egan is found at work from morning until night and when questioned on that matter he is disposed to ascribe to hard and constant work what measure of success he has attained in the world.

W. W. DAVIS, M. D. Not only a large circle of private patients but the entire community of Bainbridge have profited by the capable services and influence of Dr. W. W. Davis, who has practiced in that community for the past fifteen years. Doctor Davis is a splendidly

equipped and widely experienced physician and surgeon, and represents a family that has been identified with the same profession through three generations.

Doctor Davis was born in Bowling Green, Clay County, Indiana, September 11, 1878. His grandfather, Dr. H. T. Davis, was a graduate in medicine in 1827 at Columbia, South Carolina, and eventually became a pioneer physician in Southern Indiana, locating at Columbus. Dr. Ben Davis, father of W. W. Davis, was born in Bartholomew County, Indiana, studied medicine in the Indiana Medical College, practiced for some years in Bartholomew County and now lives near New Carlisle, Ohio. He is also one of the capable physicians.

The early education of Dr. W. W. Davis was acquired in the high school at New Carlisle, from which he graduated in 1896. He then entered the Ohio Medical College of Columbus, where he took the full four-year course and graduated M. D. in 1900. He secured his first practice in connection with his father, but in 1901 removed to Bainbridge, and there has built up a large clientage and field of usefulness. He is local surgeon for the Detroit, Toledo and Iron-ton Railroad, is health officer, and has proved a vigorous influence in the public health movement in his section of Ross County. He is also interested in farming and has a farm in Clark County, Ohio.

Doctor Davis married Elizabeth Spargur, a daughter of A. N. Spargur, who now lives in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Davis is a graduate of the high school of Hillsboro, Ohio. She is a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which denomination the doctor also worships. There are two children: Clara O., now eleven years of age, and Leona, aged seven. Doctor Davis is a member of the local school board and at one time was its president. Politically he is a republican.

FRANK M. BORST has a special genius as a farmer and stockman. For twenty-one years he has been identified with the Reeves Crossing Farm, a place of 400 splendid acres situated two miles east of Bainbridge on the Chillicothe Pike. Mr. Borst is the capable tenant and manager of this fine farm, and has combined practice and scientific theory so well that his work is not only a matter of revenue to himself but also is an encouraging example in farming and stock raising to this section of Ohio.

Mr. Borst was born near Roxabell in Concord Township, Ross County, January 3, 1880. His parents were Samuel and Martha (Mowbray) Borst. His father was born in Chillicothe July 5, 1848, and his mother in Concord Township of Ross County in 1847. She died May 14, 1915. The father, who spent his active life as a farmer is now living retired. Each parent was married previously and had children, but Frank M. Borst is the only son and child of the union of his parents.

His early life was spent on a farm in Concord Township, but when about ten years of age his parents removed to Highland County, where he remained four years. During those years he received most of his

education, and in 1895 he came to the farm where he now holds the responsibilities of tenant farmer. He is a successful breeder of red-polled cattle, his herd being headed by Northside Lad, one of the finest specimens of that breed in Ohio. He also is a breeder of Percheron horses, and his entire farm is stocked with only the best grades of domestic animals.

In 1898 Mr. Borst married Rose Campbell, a daughter of Hez Campbell. Mrs. Borst is a graduate of the Bainbridge High School and for three years was a teacher prior to her marriage. They are the parents of three children: Farry, a student in the Bainbridge High School; Samuel, aged eleven; and Joseph, aged nine, both also in school. Mr. Borst is an active member of Paint Valley Lodge, No. 497, of the Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor, and also belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men. Politically he is a democrat and is now one of the township trustees of Paxton Township.

WILLIAM S. PRICER. For fully thirty-five years farming and its attendant activities have engaged the energies and abilities of William S. Pricer, who belongs to one of the old and honored Ross County families, and has made his own career productive and in the highest degree honorable.

His home during most of his life has been the Beach Grove Farm, containing 145 acres and located in Paxton Township on Rural Route No. 1 out of Bainbridge. Mr. Pricer was born in Paint Township of Ross County September 23, 1861, a son of William S. and Mary (Smith) Pricer. His father was born in Paint Township of Ross County September 13, 1829, spent his active career as a farmer, and died August 19, 1908. His wife was born near Dumfries, Scotland, September 26, 1832, was brought by her parents to the United States in 1845, the family locating near Chillicothe, and she grew to womanhood there and was married in Ross County to Mr. Pricer. Her death occurred October 5, 1911. From Paint Township William S. Pricer, Sr., moved to Paxton Township in 1863 and in 1872 came to the farm where his son now lives. Of their seven children three are still living, including William S. David S. lives at Appleton City, Missouri, and Mary B. is the wife of William Wood of Sandusky, Ohio.

Ten years of age when his parents moved to the farm that he now owns, William S. Pricer attended the district schools in the winter terms and had an abundance of experience in all phases of farm work while growing up. After the death of his parents he became owner of the Beach Grove Farm, and by many years of hard labor there has won a substantial competence.

Both his parents were Presbyterians, his mother being of the strict Scotch Presbyterian stock and Mr. Pricer himself is also affiliated with that faith. The father was a Mason and master of his lodge thirteen years, and took a very active part in local republican politics. The son is inclined the same way politically, and is affiliated with Bainbridge Lodge, No. 196, Free and Accepted Masons, is past noble grand of Lodge

No. 497, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and past chancellor of Lodge No. 437, Knights of Pythias. He also belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

FRED SCHMIDT. More than a century ago George Washington said that "agriculture is the most useful and honorable occupation of man," and the truth of this statement stands today as it did then. A prominent representative of this class in Ross County is Fred Schmidt, proprietor and manager of a splendid farm in Paxton Township, on Rural Route No. 1 out of Bainbridge.

Mr. Schmidt is a native of Columbus, Ohio, where he was born March 26, 1857, a son of John F. and Wilhelmina (Eyler) Schmidt. Both parents were born in Wurtemberg, Germany, came to the United States and located in Columbus, Ohio, in 1849, and not long afterward were married in that city, where they spent the rest of their days. The father was a carpenter and through that trade and by good business judgment provided well for his large family of children, which numbered fourteen in all. The seven now living are Fred, William, Michael, George, Rosa, Margaret and Catherine. All the children were born in Columbus and all are living in that city except Fred and William, both of whom are residents of Ross County.

Fred Schmidt grew up in a home of Christian parents, attended the parochial schools until he was confirmed, and for one year was in the public schools.

On March 29, 1883, Mr. Schmidt married Elizabeth Schmidt, of the same name but not related. Mrs. Schmidt was born in Germany May 5, 1860, and came alone to the United States, landing November 19th and two days later arriving in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In the following year she moved to Columbus. She was reared and educated in Germany and after coming to America made her own living until her marriage. She has proved a most capable and helpful wife and mother and has been an important factor in Mr. Schmidt's success.

Until 1895 they resided in Columbus, and then moved to the Wallace Farm in Paxton Township of Ross County. They have lived there ever since and Mr. Schmidt owns 565 acres in Ross and Pike counties. He keeps high grade livestock and does everything on his farm in a very progressive and efficient manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt are the parents of eight children. Minnie is the wife of Thomas Williamson. Fred, Jr., is married. William is married and lives in Ross County. Louise is the wife of George Saenger of Springfield, Ohio. Alice is unmarried and at home. Jacob graduated from the Bainbridge High School and Ohio State University with the degree Bachelor of Science and is still unmarried. Bertha is unmarried. George is a senior in the local high school. One child is now deceased.

Mr. Schmidt is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of the Maccabees, and politically is a democrat. He is now serving as president of the local school board and is also one of the trustees of Paxton Township.

J. M. RITTENOUR is a prominent Ross County farmer. He looks after the cultivation and management of one of the largest estates in the county, a farm of 1,800 acres situated a mile and a quarter west of Richmond Dale in Jefferson Township.

The Rittenour family has been identified with Ross County since the closing years of the eighteenth century. It is one of the most honored as well as among the oldest names found in Ross County annals. Mr. J. M. Rittenour has proved himself a worthy descendant of this stock, and while easily one of the most extensive farmers of the county he has distinguished himself by fidelity to the public welfare on many occasions, and is one of the most trusted and substantial men of the county.

He was born on part of the farm where he now resides October 30, 1861. The Rittenour family was established in this section of Ohio by his great-grandfather Anthony Rittenour, a native of Virginia and of German stock. Anthony came to Ohio in 1799, when it was still a part of Northwest Territory. A man of considerable means and of even greater energy and enterprise Anthony Rittenour acquired some very large tracts of land from the Government. On coming to Ross County he brought with him some of his older children, including Jacob, and leaving them behind to begin the heavy task of improvement on the new land he went back to Virginia for the rest of his family. He spent his last years in Ross County.

Jacob Rittenour, grandfather of J. M. Rittenour, was a native of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and was sixteen years of age when he accompanied his father to Ross County. He took charge of some of the land entered by Anthony Rittenour, and after his marriage he lived in a little house until in 1852 he erected the substantial home which remained his residence until his death. He accumulated about 1,100 acres of land, and was one of the foremost men of his community in his time. He took much part in church affairs, and for fifty years was identified with the Methodist denomination. His death occurred October 16, 1882. Jacob Rittenour was married in 1811 to Anna Claypool, who died June 6, 1873. Jacob Rittenour was born in 1787. He and his wife were the parents of four children, named James, Margaret, Isaac and George C.

George Claypool Rittenour, father of J. M. Rittenour, was born March 11, 1825, on part of the old Rittenour homestead and his birth occurred in the stone portion of the residence now occupied by Jacob Caldwell. George C. Rittenour died December 30, 1915. The youngest of four children, he grew up on a farm and on September 1, 1857, married Elizabeth Sargent, who was born November 1, 1832, and died July 29, 1910. After their marriage George C. Rittenour and wife began housekeeping on the homestead, and their old residence is still standing there. In 1878 George bought the interests of the remaining heirs to the 1,100 acre estate, and moved to the old home of his father, where he lived until his death. Three children were born to George C. Rittenour and wife: T. S. Rittenour, now living at Piketon, Ohio; J. M. Rittenour; and H. F. Rittenour of Chillicothe. The late George C. Rittenour was an official member of the Methodist Church and was affiliated with Garfield

Lodge, No. 710, at Richmond Dale, and took a very active interest in republican politics.

Mr. J. M. Rittenour grew up as the son of prosperous parents, learned the details of farming as a youth, and for many years has conducted his agricultural operations on a very large scale. He was liberally educated, in addition to the public schools spending two years in Xenia Academy and one year in the Ohio Wesleyan College at Delaware.

On October 20, 1898, he married Alberta Norton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Norton, a well known Ross County family elsewhere referred to. Mr. and Mrs. Rittenour have one son, George N., who was born June 15, 1900, and is now attending high school at Chillicothe. An interesting fact which should be noted is that Mr. and Mrs. Rittenour were married in Virginia and in the room of the building on James River where Thomas Jefferson at one time held a meeting of his cabinet when he was President of the United States. At the time of the marriage Mrs. Rittenour's father was living in Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Rittenour are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Richmond Dale, and he is one of the official board of that church. In politics he is a republican and is a man who is ever ready to render some service to his community. For three years he served as township trustee and for two years as supervisor.

DAVID H. SCOTT, M. D. For nearly fifty years engaged in the practice of medicine in Chillicothe, David H. Scott, M. D., was very successful in his chosen profession, his promptness in meeting and combating disease in its ever-varying phases, his untiring devotion to and sympathy with his many patients, and his bright and cheering presence in the sick-room, winning him a large and lucrative practice. A native of Ohio, he was born in 1829, in Ashland County, and there grew to manhood.

John Scott, the doctor's father, was born and reared in Washington County, Pennsylvania. Coming to Ohio in pioneer times, he bought land in Ashland County, and there spent the remainder of his days, being engaged, not only in agricultural pursuits, but in mercantile business. His wife, whose maiden name was Matilda Weakly, was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania. She survived him a few years, and reared three sons and a daughter.

Having obtained the rudiments of his education in the public schools of his native county, David H. Scott continued his studies in the literary department of the Washington and Jefferson College, in Washington, Pennsylvania. Going then to New York City, he attended lectures at the Bellevue Medical College, and after his graduation from that institution was for several years an interne in a large Jewish hospital. Locating in Chillicothe in 1857, Doctor Scott built up an extensive patronage, his professional skill and ability becoming widely known and highly appreciated. Here he continued in active practice until his death, February 24, 1905, at his attractive home on Fruit Hill, an estate which had come to his wife by inheritance.

In October, 1865, Doctor Scott married Effie E. Allen, who was born

in Washington, District of Columbia, the only daughter of Hon. William and Effie (McArthur) Allen. Mrs. Scott occupied the home on Fruit Hill until her death on May 14, 1916. She had a fine family of seven children, namely: William Allen, Arthur Donald, Walter S., Effie Allen, Minnie McArthur, Helen Allen, and Duncan H. The family attends the Episcopal Church, and they are among its active workers.

HON. JAMES C. FOSTER. A gallant soldier, a judicious agriculturist and an honorable citizen are apt terms to use in mentioning one of Ross County's most distinguished men, Maj. James C. Foster. Major Foster was born in Franklin Township, Ross County, where he still lives, May 18, 1842. He comes of old pioneer stock and his parents were Thomas C. and Jane (Davis) Foster.

John Foster, the great-grandfather, came to Ohio with a large family of motherless children, from near Cumberland, Maryland, in 1796, and settled in Franklin Township, Ross County, where he died in 1800. His six sons survived: Lewis, Thomas, John, Richard, Joseph and Benjamin. Of these sons, the third in order of birth, John Foster, married Mary Prather and to one of their sons they gave the name of Thomas C. Thomas C. Foster married Jane E. Davis, a sister of the late John H. Davis, and they had the following children: Martha, who is the widow of James P. Foster; James C.; Hannah; John C., and William and George. Hannah, William and George are deceased. Thomas C. Foster was one of Franklin Township's worthy men, sturdy in his citizenship and honored and respected by all who knew him.

James C. Foster attended the district schools, in 1868 attended a commercial college at Cleveland and in 1859 attended a military school at Chillicothe. He remained on the home farm until the whole country was aroused by the breaking out of the Civil war, and it was on August 24, 1861, that he enlisted as a private in Company C, Thirty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In the following September he was transferred to the Fifty-third regiment, and on January 1, 1862, he received his first promotion, being made orderly sergeant. On September 21, 1862, he was promoted to second lieutenant and on that day he was transferred with this rank to Company I, Fifty-third Infantry. He seemed to be particularly well fitted for military life and thus was entrusted with the duties of a recruiting officer and had the satisfaction of recruiting the first company of colored soldiers in West Tennessee. He was made captain of this company and served as such until June 18, 1864, when he was promoted to the rank of major and in that military office served until the close of the war. Thus the title by which he has ever since been known was fairly and honorably earned. He took part in many of the great battles of the four-year struggle, and patriotism, courage and efficiency marked his course.

Major Foster returned then to Ohio and resumed agricultural pursuits, in which he has ever since been interested. He owns a magnificent farm of 497 acres and extensive farm and stock operations are here carried on.

In 1868 Major Foster was married to Miss Emma Davis, who was born in Franklin Township and died here in August, 1871. They had one daughter, Daisy, who was born June 2, 1870. She was married to H. J. DuBois on December 20, 1888, and they reside at Houston, Texas. In October, 1875, Major Foster was married to Mary D. Vause, who was born in Liberty Township, Ross County. They have the following children: Ada, born March 16, 1877; Vause, born April 29, 1879; Jean M., born July 16, 1881; Harry L., born March 18, 1884; James C., born November 25, 1887; Mary H., born December 19, 1889; and Sallie, born September 13, 1894. Educational and social advantages have been happy adjuncts in the lives of each. Vause is a graduate of the Ohio State University, and Jean M., Mary and Sallie are graduates of the University at Oxford, Ohio.

Major Foster has always been sound in his republicanism and is a very influential member of his party in this part of the state. During 1902 and 1904 when serving as a member of the State Legislature, he had much to do with the formulating and passing of some of the wisest and most just laws ever put upon the statute book. His acquaintance with other prominent men is wide and his personal friendships are with those who, like himself, have high ideals of citizenship and live up to them. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and served as commander of Post No. 691, at Omega, Ohio, for seventeen years. He is also a member of Loyal Legion.

SIMON HOLDERMAN. From the time Ohio was admitted into the Union down to the present time Ross County has been continuously honored and benefited by the presence within her borders of members of the Holderman family. In the character of its individual members and in their services as substantial citizens they have all bent their efforts toward building up the country in which they have made their home. It is impossible to estimate the strength and diversity of the influences which emanate from such a family and affect the social and business affairs of the county even to its most remote bounds.

The birth of Simon Holderman occurred on a farm in Salt Creek Township of Pickaway County, Ohio, February 4, 1842. It was his grandfather, Christopher Holderman, who established the family in Ohio in the earliest times. He was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and arrived in what was then the Northwest Territory in 1802, the same year that Ohio was carved from the eastern portion of that territory. The population of Ohio at that time was largely concentrated along the southern boundary and Ross and Pickaway counties were still on the extreme frontier. It was thirty years or more before canals were constructed, and many years later before the first railroad penetrated this section of the state. Settlers from the East came either with wagons, on foot or on horseback, following some of the trails blazed through trees or else the natural highways of the water courses. Christopher Holderman on arriving in Ohio entered 160 acres of government land in what is now Salt Creek Township and added to that by the purchase of 80 acres more.

He had the persistent courage and industry of the typical pioneer, and spent the rest of his years in clearing up the land and cultivating it. He was a very successful man, and increased his holdings so that he was able to give each of his thirteen children a farm. His death came at the age of sixty-five years. After coming to Ohio Christopher Holderman was married in Pickaway County in 1804 to Eleanor Black. She survived her husband and died at the age of seventy-eight. The fourteen children reared by this pioneer mother were: John, Christopher, Anna, Elizabeth, Eleanor, George, Guinn, Mary, David, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Ellen and Charlotte, the last named dying at the age of eighteen.

George Holderman, father of Simon, was born in Salt Creek Township of Pickaway County December 20, 1812. His early life was envired by pioneer circumstances and conditions, and after reaching his majority he settled on land given him by his father within a mile of his birthplace. Then followed many years of quiet industrious labor as a general farmer, and he died there at the age of sixty-seven. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Jones. She was born in Coleraine Township of Ross County in January, 1816. Her father Aaron Jones was born in Virginia and her grandfather was David Jones, also a native of the same state. David and his three brothers, Abraham, Peter, and Joshua, all came to Ohio and had a numerous progeny in that state, many of whom have since gone to other states in the Union. It was about 1806 that Aaron Jones located in Coleraine Township of Ross County, and he was one of the first to make a clearing in the woods and put up a civilized home in that section. Starting with government land, he cultivated a farm there until his death in 1856. Aaron Jones married Sarah Bunn, who was also a native of Virginia, and who died about 1870. Mrs. George Holderman lived to the age of sixty-seven years. Her six children were Lewis, Nelson, Simon, Wilson, Sarah, and Ida.

It was nearly three quarters of a century ago that Simon Holderman was born, and he has given an honorable accompaniment of honest toil and useful service to the passing milestones on his life's journey. Even when he was a boy educational facilities were of a limited character and he attended one of the old log schoolhouses. His early years were given to his father and after his marriage he farmed on his father's land for about five years and then came into possession of a farm of his own. He remained on it industriously cultivating its acres until 1874, when he removed to Kingston and was in the lumber business there from 1876 to 1886. For several years Mr. Holderman has lived retired from the active cares and responsibilities of a business career.

At the age of twenty-two he married Josephine Brundige, who also represents an early family in this section of Ohio. She was born at Williamsport in Pickaway County February 22, 1840, a daughter of William and Emily (Palmer) Brundige. The grandparents were Thomas and Nancy (Johnson) Brundige, the latter of Botetourt County, Virginia. They arrived in Ohio in the year 1802, and were one of the first group of pioneers to establish homes in Salt Creek Township of Pickaway County, where they spent the rest of their days. William Brun-

dige, father of Mrs. Holderman, was born in Virginia, while his wife was a native of Chester County, Pennsylvania. Though reared early in the century William Brundige acquired a good education, and spent some years as a teacher. Later he turned his attention to farming and also operated a sawmill and spent his last years in Williamsport. Emily Palmer, mother of Mrs. Holderman, was born at Morristown, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Jesse and Abigail (Wood) Palmer, who founded homes in Pickaway County when it was still a wilderness. Abigail Wood was the daughter of Capt. John Wood, who had commanded a company of patriots in the Revolutionary war.

After more than thirty-five years of married companionship Mr. Holderman lost his wife by death in August, 1900. She is survived by two daughters: Ilda and Emily. Mr. Holderman, as was his wife, is an active member of the Presbyterian Church. He is affiliated with Pierson Lodge, No. 372, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln, and he has ever since been a strong supporter of the principles and policies of the republican party. Again and again he has been called to offices of trust and responsibility, both in his township and in the county, and for two terms he filled the office of county commissioner.

THOMAS DOWNS. It was in the last year of the eighteenth century that the Downs family established a home in the wilderness of Ross County. Several generations of the name have spent their lives industriously working out their own destinies, and contributing to the improvement and progress of this section. The pioneers helped to clear up the land, build houses, develop farms, improve communities with institutions and later members of the family have continued the good work done by their ancestors, and one of these is Thomas Downs, who is one of the prosperous and popular farmer citizens near Kingston.

He was born in Springfield Township of Ross County October 5, 1843. His Grandfather William Downs was a native of Virginia of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He was reared and married in his native state and in 1799 accompanied by his family started for Northwest Territory. That was three years before Ohio was admitted to the Union. After crossing the intervening barrier of mountains, they drifted down the Ohio on a flatboat as far as Portsmouth. While on that flatboat journey a son was born, John Downs, who was the father of Thomas Downs. From Portsmouth the little party literally chopped their way through the wilderness to Chillicothe, which was then only a frontier hamlet. They then proceeded into the wilds of what is now Springfield Township, where Grandfather William Downs spent the rest of his days. He died at the age of sixty-eight, and he and his wife are buried in Hopetown Cemetery.

John Downs, whose life began while his parents were migrating to Ross County, grew up among pioneer scenes, and he was a mature man before this section of the state had become linked with the outside world by even such crude methods of transportation as a canal. As a boy he

hunted deer, wolves, wild turkeys and other game in the forest, and his mother spun and wove the cloth which clothed all members of the family. In the early days all surplus products were sent down the river on flat-boats. Later when settlement had progressed sufficiently Chillicothe became the center for many diverging stage routes which ran to all parts of the country. Reared on a farm, John Downs naturally took up agricultural pursuits when he reached manhood, and was a successful farmer, though his life terminated in his prime, at the age of fifty-three. He married Elizabeth Smith, also a native of Virginia, and a daughter of Benjamin Smith, whose name should be recalled as one of the pioneer settlers of Green Township in Ross County. Mrs. John Downs died at the age of fifty-eight. Her children were: Ellen; Mary; Eliza; Thomas; Flora; Clorinda, widow of Thomas Milliner; Sarah, wife of Benjamin Brooks; and John, who died at the age of six years.

While a boy in Springfield Township Thomas Downs acquainted himself with the instruction imparted in the local schools, and as he was one of a large family and the burdens of material existence bore heavily upon all, he started out early to work at monthly wages, and these wages were contributed to meeting the family expenses. Later he had opportunity to save the larger part of his earnings, and with this capital he bought stock and tools and began an independent career on rented land. He was a renter for seventeen years, and then bought a farm a mile and a half south of Kingston. He still owns that farm, and occupied it as a home until 1912, when he moved to Kingston and bought the place where he now resides.

On October 26, 1870, Mr. Downs married Amanda Moore, a native of Vinton County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Downs have reared three children: Carrie, Hattie May and Edward. The daughter Carrie married John Holderman and at her death left three daughters, Ellen, Mary and Mildred. Hattie May is also deceased. Edward, the only son, who died at the age of thirty-three, was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Jenks, had two children, Bessie and Villette. Mr. and Mrs. Downs, whose declining years are comforted by the presence of their grandchildren, are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and politically he has always associated with the republican party.

WILLIAM H. WEST. As Ross County is becoming better and better known as a center for fruit culture in Ohio, special credit attaches to the work and influence of William H. West, who is one of the oldest and best known horticulturists in the county and has spent upwards of half a century in the successful business of growing fruit for the markets.

While he has been a resident of Ross County more than fifty years, since early boyhood, Mr. West is a native of Maryland, having been born in Frederick County of that state December 28, 1837. His parents were John and Hannah West. Mr. West's brother, John H. West, is living in Green Township of Ross County, a hale and hearty old gentleman at the age of ninety-one.

Reared and educated in his native state, William H. West at the

age of sixteen journeyed to Ohio and joined his brother John in the Village of Chillicothe. There he learned the trade of blacksmith. He sharpened tools for the workmen who built the old Chillicothe courthouse. He continued as a general blacksmith for several years, but eventually located on the farm that he now owns and occupies in Springfield Township. As soon as he went to his farm he began developing his land to fruit purposes, and is undoubtedly one of the most successful fruit raisers Ross County has ever had. At one time he had an orchard of 200 bearing peach trees and also a large apple orchard and a number of varieties of small fruits. He also had an extensive vineyard. Mr. West made a specialty of grape culture, and in his time has cultivated forty-two distinct varieties of that fruit. Specimens of his fruit from his orchard and vineyards have been exhibited in the county and state fairs and many first premiums have been awarded it. He has made a study of horticulture, and his long practical experience constitute him one of the foremost authorities on the subject in this part of Ohio. For many years he has been a member of the Ross County Horticultural Society and has served it as treasurer.

On October 13, 1874, he married Miss Susan Seney, who was born in Springfield Township of Ross County October 20, 1855, a daughter of Joshua and Martha (Ives) Seney and a sister of Amasa Ives Seney. The three children reared by Mr. and Mrs. West are named Anna, Bessie and William Seney. Anna married Charles Abernathy. Bessie married Clare Gettles. William S. married Nellie Bader, and their three children are named Catherine, Eleanor and William Bader. Mr. West is an active member of Chillicothe Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

OTHIAS SCOTT HARMAN. One of the most beautiful country homes around Chillicothe is that owned by Othias Scott Harman. It is situated on the Columbus Pike, a mile and a half from the courthouse. There he and his family enjoy the comforts of a rural home.

Mr. Harman has been one of the industrious and progressive farming citizens of Ross County for many years. His birth occurred in Scioto Township of this county August 5, 1860. His grandparents were Virginia people and spent their lives in that state. His father, Othias Harman, was born in Virginia in 1809, and after coming to Ohio lived a time in Pickaway County and then moved to Chillicothe. In Chillicothe he owned and operated a tannery at the corner of Mulberry and Market streets, now Riverside Street, and conducted that business as a prosperous local institution until his death. He died at his home on Western Avenue in 1871. Othias Harman, Sr., married Elizabeth Graybill. She was born in 1816 near Lancaster in Fairfield County, Ohio, daughter of Jacob Graybill who was of Pennsylvania German ancestry. Mrs. Othias Harman died in 1888, having reared four children, Fletcher D., Howard D., Roland and Othias Scott.

Othias Scott Harman grew up on the farm where the family had their home, and after his father's death he bought a tract of land in Green Township. As a general farmer and stock raiser he has laid the

basis of his present competency. The land in Green Township when he first bought it had a log house with a frame addition as its chief improvement. This house was burned some years ago and he then replaced it with a commodious frame house of a modern style of architecture. Mr. Harman sold this farm in 1914 and then bought the place he now owns and occupies. He has a commodious brick house surrounded by a fine lawn improved with beautiful trees and shrubs, and has every convenience for comfort and at the same time is operating his land at a profit.

On January 15, 1885, he married Mary Strevy. Mrs. Harman was born near Circleville in Pickaway County. Her father, William Strevy, was born in Huron County on a farm between New London and Greenwich. Her grandfather, William Strevy, Sr., was probably a native of Pennsylvania of German ancestry, and from Pennsylvania moved to Ohio and was an early settler on some land near New London, where he spent his last days. His four children were named Rose, Michael, John and William. William Strevy, the father of Mrs. Harman, grew up on the Huron County farm, and started independently as a renter in the neighborhood where he had spent his youth. Subsequently he moved to Pickaway County, buying land near Circleville, and that has remained his home until his death at the age of seventy-nine. His wife was Mary Brooker, who was born in Germany, and came to this country with her father, George Brooker, and her mother and two other children. The family spent many weeks on the ocean in an old-fashioned sailing vessel, and after landing in New York came on to Ohio, George Brooker acquiring a tract of unimproved land near Zanesville. He cleared the land out of the woods and lived there until his death, his wife Barbara having preceded him by several years. In the Brooker family were five children. Rachel, Mary, Barbara and Rose.

Mrs. Harman received her early education in the schools at Circleville, and prior to her marriage taught the Island School near that town. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harman. Nellie is the wife of Theodore Petnogle. Hazel married Dr. Eugene Waters, and she died at the age of twenty-one. The other two children were Virginia, who died at the age of eighteen months, and Marjorie, who died when three years old.

HENRY CUTRIGHT. Any one acquainted with the farming and industrial community of Springfield Township knows the personality of Henry Cutright, whose position has been one of assured influence and prosperity in that locality for a number of years.

His career is interesting not only for what he has accomplished individually but because of the associations of his name with some of the old settlers and prominent people of Ross County during the last century. In fact, he is descended from one of the very first settlers who penetrated the wilderness and settled in this part of Northwest Territory. That was his great-grandfather, John Cutright, a native of Virginia. John Cutright came to the Northwest Territory with General Massie in 1796. He located on some land owned by General Massie in Springfield Town-

ship. There he and his wife spent the years of pioneering and enjoyed a solid prosperity at the last. Both died there in 1830.

Hiram Cutright, grandfather of Henry Cutright, was born in Virginia, was reared in Ross County, and on reaching manhood bought a tract of land in Springfield Township. For several years he was engaged in farming there, and then moved to Chillicothe, where he was a grocery merchant. His death occurred in July, 1882. Hiram Cutright married Hannah Neff, a daughter of Leonard Neff, also one of the first settlers of Springfield Township. She died several years before her husband, having reared seven children, whose names are Amaziah, Jeremiah, Hiram, Joseph, Minerva J., Rufus and Louisa. Of these, Amaziah, Jeremiah, and Rufus were all soldiers in the Union army and members of the One Hundred and Forty-second Ohio Infantry. They enlisted in May, 1864, at the call for hundred-day men, went to Virginia, and were with their regiment in all its services until the termination of their term of enlistment. Jeremiah died a few weeks after his return from the war.

Amaziah Cutright, father of Henry, was born in Springfield Township, spent his active career there as a farmer and died at the age of seventy-four. He married Mary J. Hanks, a name that introduces another family of early settlers in Ross County. She was born in Springfield Township. Her father, Isaac Hanks, was a native of Virginia and her grandfather, Thomas Hanks, was also born in the same commonwealth and came to Ross County about 1800. Thomas Hanks was of the same family stock that produced the mother of Abraham Lincoln. After living for a time at High Banks, Thomas Hanks entered a half section of government land in Harrison Township. Subsequently he moved to Logan County where his death occurred in 1834. Isaac Hanks grew up on the Ross County farm, and followed farming as a vocation and quite successfully. He acquired a large tract of land including some of the best in Springfield Township, located in sections 26 and 31. His death occurred there April 11, 1883. Isaac Hanks married Maggie Raypole, who was born in Virginia and was brought to Ross County by her mother who occupied a log cabin in the southeast part of Springfield Township in pioneer times. Mrs. Isaac Hanks died in 1897 in her ninety-first year. She reared three children named Jerry, Ephraim and Mary J. Mrs. Mary J. (Hanks) Cutright died at the age of seventy-two. There were only two children, Margaret and Henry.

Reared in a district which had been the home of his family connections for more than half a century, Henry Cutright was prepared for the serious responsibilities of life in a district school, and by such training as he could receive on the farm. He was born in Springfield Township February 23, 1867. When ready to start out on his own account he rented land for seven years, and then located on a part of his Grandfather Hanks' estate, which his mother had inherited. The house upon the land at the time was burned in 1909, and it was replaced by the attractive home which Mr. and Mrs. Cutright and family now occupy. His farm is pleasantly located on the Charleston Road about five miles

below Chillicothe. In addition to this homestead Mr. Cutright owns and operates a farm of ninety-one acres in Harrison Township. In March, 1892, he married Miss Lucretia Stauffer, who was born in Springfield Township. They have four children named Grace, Walter, Joie and Martha. Mr. and Mrs. Cutright are both members of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Cutright's people were also early settlers in Ross County. Her great-grandfather John Stauffer was born in Center County, Pennsylvania, of German parentage. As a young man he learned the trade of stonemason, which he followed in Pennsylvania, and about 1830 he came to Ohio, accompanied by his wife and six children. The entire journey was made overland with wagons and teams, and they camped by the roadside wherever night overtook them. Reaching Ohio they first settled in Fairfield County, but a year later moved to Ross County, where John Stauffer bought a tract of land near Dry Run in Springfield Township. There he lived out his useful years, and reared six children, David, John, Eliza, Mary, Samuel and Solomon. David Stauffer, grandfather of Mrs. Cutright, was a son of his father's first marriage. He grew up in Pennsylvania, came to Ohio with his father, and at the time had \$300 which he had inherited from his mother's estate. This money was employed to purchase fifty acres in East Springfield, now owned by Henry and Walter Cutright. A log house stood on the land surrounded by a small clearing. That log cabin was the home to which he brought his bride. After two years there he sold the place for \$500 and then purchased 160 acres in the same township. The purchase price was \$1,000, and he went in debt for half of it. The improvements on this land were also primitive, consisting of a log house and several acres of cleared land. David Stauffer proved his industry by clearing up his farm and enjoyed a great deal of solid prosperity and comfort before his death, which occurred in his seventy-sixth year. David Stauffer married Mary Barnhart, who was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Lawrence Barnhart, who came from that state and settled in Green Township of Ross County. Mrs. David Stauffer, who died several years before her husband, reared two children, Benjamin and Rebecca, the latter becoming the wife of David Brown.

Benjamin Stauffer, father of Mrs. Cutright, was born in East Springfield, Ross County, September 3, 1838. District schools supplied his education and he was well trained on the home farm to habits of industry and thrift. Living with his parents until the age of twenty-one, he then married and began earning his way at daily or monthly wages. He did a great deal of clearing, and for several years was employed in getting out coopers' stock. Later he rented some land in Green Township and some years later moved to Springfield Township, where he rented a portion of the Isaac Hanks farm for twenty-two years. For another two years he lived in Twin Township, and then returned to Springfield, where he is still living, and for the past few years has been engaged in market gardening. Benjamin Stauffer was married in 1861 to Hester A. Keller, who was born in Springfield Township, a daughter

of George and Lovett (Hough) Keller. Mrs. Cutright was one of five children, the other four being Shepard, George, David Allen and Naomi.

PINKNEY BREWER. Energetic and progressive, possessing much business ability and intelligence, Pinkney Brewer, senior member of the firm of Brewer, Tomlinson & Brewer, is at the head of one of the best known and most prosperous contracting firms of Chillicothe, and is doing an extensive business throughout this part of the state. A son of Harvey Brewer, he was born in Jackson County, Ohio, of colonial stock.

Willis Brewer, Mr. Brewer's grandfather, was born, it is thought, in North Carolina. Coming to Ohio in early manhood, he located first in Ross County, near Frankfort, later spending several years in Jackson County. Returning to Ross County, he settled on a farm in Liberty Township, and there lived until his death. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Huffman, was born in Pennsylvania, of German parentage.

Harvey Brewer was born, doubtless, during the residence of his parents in Jackson County. Reared on a farm, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the earlier part of his life. On February 4, 1865, he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. With his regiment, he went South by way of Nashville, Tennessee, to Dalton, Georgia, thence to Macon, the same state, where his command was on provost duty until January, 1866, when the regiment was honorably discharged. He suffered greatly from hardships and exposure endured while there, being forced to spend some time in the hospital, and never fully recovered his former physical vigor. Returning from the army, he spent the remainder of his days in Chillicothe, dying May 30, 1874. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Morrison, died in December, 1875. Of their four children, three are now living, Pinkney, Andrew, and Maggie.

Having acquired a good common school education, Pinkney Brewer worked at the broommaker's trade three years, being in the employ of Samuel J. Roberts, an extensive grower of broom corn, and a manufacturer of brooms. He afterwards worked at that trade in Cincinnati until 1886, when he again became a resident of Chillicothe. Embarking in business as bridge builder in 1887, Mr. Brewer met with flattering success as a contractor in that industry. He has gradually enlarged his operations, and now the firm of Brewer, Tomlinson & Brewer, of which he is senior member, is carrying on a very extensive and lucrative business as bridge, sewerage and road contractors, in the filling of contracts awarded them using the most modern approved machinery and appliances.

On May 29, 1882, Mr. Brewer was united in marriage with Bertha Fromm, who was born in Cummingsville, a suburb of Cincinnati. A brief account of her parents, John B. and Henrietta (Albright) Fromm, may be found on another page of this volume, in connection with the sketch of C. A. Fromm. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer are the parents of four children, namely: Walter O., junior member of the firm of Brewer, Tomlinson & Brewer, married Edith Stocklin; Bertha, wife of Joseph Conway, has

one child, Paul Brewer Conway; Frederick Harvey, who married Anna Schroth; and Pinkney Paul, a student in the Ohio Normal University, at Ada. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Brewer are valued members of the German Evangelical Church. Fraternally Mr. Brewer is a member of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

ANDREW P. ROBINSON. Prominent among the enterprising and progressive men who have been instrumental in promoting the agricultural prosperity of Ross County is Andrew P. Robinson, who has accumulated wealth in his farming operations, and is now living retired from active pursuits in Chillicothe. A son of James McDill Robinson, he was born June 28, 1859, in North Union Township, Ross County, coming from pioneer stock, his grandfather, John Robinson, having been an early settler of that section of the county.

Joshua Robinson, Mr. Robinson's great-grandfather, came with his family to the Northwest Territory in 1795, accompanying Gen. Nathaniel Massie and his little band of followers. A short distance below the falls of Paint Creek, near the present site of Bainbridge, the party encountered a band of Indians, and in the fight which ensued Joshua Robinson was fatally wounded. He wore at the time a red broadcloth vest which was later found on an Indian, who had evidently exhumed the body, and appropriated the garment for his own use.

John Robinson was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, in 1788, and at the age of seven years, just after the death of his father, he was adopted by his Uncle William. He grew to manhood in Ross County, and during the War of 1812 served as a corporal in Capt. Alexander Manary's company. He subsequently bought a tract of timbered land on Dry Run, South Union Township, and from the wilderness hewed a farm, which is still owned by his descendants. There he lived until his death, at the venerable age of ninety-eight years, and his remains are now resting in the McDill Cemetery. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah McDill, died in middle life. Seven of their children grew to years of maturity, as follows: Joshua, John D., Wilson, Sarah, Isabelle, James M. D., and Hannah.

Born in 1815, on the parental homestead, in South Union Township, James McDill Robinson became familiar with all branches of agriculture when young. In early manhood, in partnership with his brother Wilson, he bought land in North Union Township, and began life for himself as a general farmer and stock raiser. Several years later he bought out the interest of his brother Wilson, who moved to Logan County, Illinois, and continued farming by himself. Later he moved with his family to Circleville, where his children might have good educational advantages. In 1875 he bought a farm in South Union Township, and there, three days after assuming its possession, his death occurred, in the month of March, 1875. He married Catherine Poe, who was born in Chillicothe in 1816, a daughter of Andrew Poe, Jr. Her grandfather, Andrew Poe, Sr., was one of the early explorers of the Northwest Territory, coming to this part of the country when the In-

dians were numerous, and deeply resented the invasion of the pale-faced whites. From Volume I, "Howe's History of Ohio," we make the following extract:

"Adam and Andrew Poe.

"In 1782 seven Wyandotte Indians invaded the section some distance below Fort Pitt and killed an old man living alone. Among them was a Wyandotte chief. Eight men, including Adam and Andrew Poe, started in pursuit. They used every precaution against an ambuscade. A short distance before they reached the river, Adam Poe left the party, and went ahead to the river, and there saw the Chief, a very powerful man, and a small Indian. He raised his gun to shoot the Chief, but the gun missed fire, the click, however, attracting the attention of the Indians. Being too near to successfully retreat, he sprang upon the Indians, and threw them both to the ground. The smaller Indian got away and tried to tomahawk him, but he kicked the Indian and knocked the tomahawk from his hand, then broke from the Chief, picked up the Indian's gun, and shot the smaller one. Then the Chief seized him, and they struggled and fell into the river, where each tried to drown the other. After struggling for some time Adam Poe drowned the Indian."

Andrew Poe, Jr., was born in Penn County October 21, 1781, the year prior to his father's encounter with the Wyandotte chief. He was subsequently one of the earlier settlers of Chillicothe, where he lived several years. He then removed to his farm, in West Scioto Township, and there he died, October 30, 1861, his body being buried in Grand View Cemetery. Mrs. Catherine (Poe) Robinson died in November, 1875, leaving two children, Elwynn S., and Andrew P.

Receiving his elementary education in the rural schools of his native township, Andrew P. Robinson continued his studies for a while in the Circleville schools, later taking a course at the Chillicothe Business College. Returning then to the home farm, he assumed its management, and was there profitably engaged in cultivating the soil until 1905, when he removed to his present home in Chillicothe, where he is living retired from active pursuits, enjoying a well deserved leisure. Mr. Robinson did not sell his land, however, but still owns, in Union Township, two farms, aggregating 386 acres, which he operates through tenants, and he also has an interest in valuable farming property in Logan County, Illinois.

Mr. Robinson married, in 1886, Jennie Isabelle Woodside Clark, who was born in Chillicothe, a daughter of Hon. Milton Lee Clark, of whom a sketch may be found elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have three sons, namely: Elwynn Wilson; John Drew, who served for three years in the Regular Army, having been sergeant of Company B, First United States Infantry, one year in Vancouver barracks, State of Washington, and two years at Schofield barracks, Hawaiian Territory; and Clark Woodside.

HON. MILTON LEE CLARK. On the long roll of illustrious names that have conferred honor upon the Ohio bar, not one shines with more

brilliant luster than that of Hon. Milton Lee Clark, late chief justice of the Supreme Court. Possessing a profound knowledge of law, and with justice as his constant motive, his judicial ermine was ever free from the shadow of suspicion, and his name will hold a lasting place among those of his predecessors. A son of Col. William Clark, he was born in Clarksburg, Ross County, Ohio, April 21, 1817, of honored Scotch ancestry.

John Clark, his grandfather, immigrated to America from Scotland, settling first in Pennsylvania. In 1800 he came with his family to Ohio, locating in that part of Ross County that is now included within the boundaries of Deerfield Township, where he cheerfully endured all the hardships and privations incident to frontier life. He began the pioneer labor of redeeming a farm from the forest, and until his death, while in manhood's prime, was engaged in general farming. He married, in Pennsylvania, Mary Blair, who survived him. She moved with her children, in 1838, to Indiana, locating on the Wabash River, near Williamsport, where she continued to reside until her death, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. She reared a family of eleven children, as follows: William, Thomas, John B., Samuel, James B., Daniel, Stephen, Joseph, Alexander, Wesley, and Elizabeth. Thomas, the second son, wandered to Texas when young, and was never again heard from. John B., a physician, located first in Kentucky, later settling permanently in Indiana. Samuel, an attorney, became an associate judge in Indiana. Daniel, Alexander and Wesley spent the larger part of their lives in Indiana, the latter becoming a successful physician, and an extensive landholder. Joseph died at an early age, unmarried. Stephen, said to have been "the handsomest man in Ross County," was accidentally killed by a fall from a horse. James B., for many years one of the more prominent lawyers and chancellors of Alabama, reared a highly educated and distinguished family. Elizabeth, the only daughter of her parents, married James Beard.

The oldest son of the parental household, William Clark, began as a boy to assist his father in eliminating a homestead from the wilderness. After his marriage he settled on the farm adjoining his father's, and in addition to tilling the soil carried on tanning to a considerable extent, having established a tannery on his land. During the War of 1812, he served as colonel of the Second Regiment, Sixteenth Division, Ohio Militia, equipping his regiment almost entirely at his own expense, and never being reimbursed by the Government. He resumed farming and tanning at the close of the war, and in 1816 laid out, on his own farm, the Village of Clarksburg. He was active in public affairs, serving many years as justice of the peace, and his death, August 10, 1824, was a loss to the entire community. The maiden name of the wife of Colonel Clark was Keturah Brown. Her father, James Brown, a wealthy landholder and slave owner of Maryland, for many years extensively engaged in domestic and foreign commerce, died in early life, and his widow subsequently came with her children and her brother,

White Brown, to Ohio, locating in Ross County, where her daughter Keturah met and married Colonel Clark.

Left fatherless when but seven years old, Milton Lee Clark began working on the farm as soon as strong enough to be of use, attending school in the meantime as opportunity offered. In 1833, a lad of sixteen years, he began clerking in the store of his brother, Edward B. Clark, who was then located in Chillicothe, but who, in 1834, removed to Clarksburg, where he subsequently formed a partnership with a Mr. Williams, and the new firm established a branch store at Williamsport, putting the young clerk in charge of the establishment. Returning to Clarksburg in 1837, Mr. Clark taught school there one term, and the following year clerked in the store of Radcliff & Shaughnessy, at Williamsport. Coming to Chillicothe in 1838, Mr. Clark was a clerk in the dry goods house of John C. Scott, and his successors, Douglas & Anderson, until May, 1839, when he migrated to Louisville, Kentucky. He was taken ill soon after reaching that city, and on recovering his health entered the employ of John Watson, first as bookkeeper, and later as general manager of the entire business, in the latter capacity having been given the power of attorney to sign Mr. Watson's name to checks and drafts, and supervision of the other employes. At the end of three years Mr. Clark was offered a position as bookkeeper in the large wholesale dry goods house establishment of W. C. Fellows & Company, with a salary of \$1,000 a year, and was advised by his employer to accept it, but preferred remaining with Mr. Watson if he was to continue as a clerk.

Strongly resolved, however, to enter upon a professional career, Mr. Clark returned to his home in Ohio, and on August 9, 1842, began reading law with Col. Jonathan T. Woodside, and made such rapid progress in his studies that on November 23, 1844, he was admitted to the bar. Beginning the practice of law in Chillicothe, his legal ability was soon recognized, his clientage becoming cumulative, and his business one of the largest and best of any lawyer in Ross County, for many years he having been the leading criminal lawyer in this part of the state. During his later years, however, he was more particularly interested in civil practice, his cases in that branch having been many and important.

Becoming prominent in public affairs, Mr. Clark, as a whig, stumped the state in 1844 for the presidential candidate of that party, Henry Clay. In 1845 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Ross County, and re-elected in 1847. In 1849 he had the distinction of being elected as a representative to the State Legislature, in which he served with ability and fidelity. He became a republican at the formation of that party, and in 1860 was a delegate to the convention that met in Chicago, and was the first member of the Ohio delegation to cast his vote for Abraham Lincoln. In 1884 Mr. Clark was elected circuit judge for a term of six years, and having been re-elected in 1890 served two full terms in that position. At the annual convention of the circuit judges of the state, September 18, 1894, he was elected chief justice of the

Supreme Court, a position for which he was exceptionally well fitted, not only by natural gifts, but by great learning, and incorruptible integrity. His death which occurred June 11, 1897, was deeply deplored by all who knew him.

Mr. Clark married, October 11, 1849, Jane Isabel Woodside, a daughter of Col. Jonathan and Eleanor (Bailey) Woodside, of whom further mention is made on another page of this volume. Their union was blessed by the birth of nine children, namely: Milton Lee; Eleanor Woodside; Jonathan Woodside; William; Walter Scott; Nannie Woodside; Jennie Isabel Woodside; Cynthia Keturah; and Arthur Addison.

CHARLES ALBERT FROMM. One of the most enterprising and successful newspaper men of Ross County, Charles Albert Fromm, of Chillicothe is widely known as editor and publisher of the *Unsere Zeit*, and has the distinction of being the third in direct line of descent to hold that position. A son of the late Charles Fromm, he was born in Chillicothe, March 8, 1877, of excellent German ancestry.

John Balthaser Fromm, grandfather of Charles Albert, was born about 1818, in Meiningen, Saxony, Germany, and there spent his early life. A man of great intelligence, and of decided opinions, he took much interest in public affairs, and as a co-worker with Carl Schurz and Franz Sigel took an active part in the revolutionary movement of 1848-9. Forced, on that account, to leave his native land, he came to Ohio in the latter part of 1849, locating at Cincinnati, where for nearly a score of years he edited a lodge paper. Going to Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1868, he, with his son, established the *Unsere Zeit*. There having been at that time two German papers published in Portsmouth and none in Chillicothe, he removed the entire plant to Chillicothe, bringing all its equipments on a canal boat. Meeting with encouraging success in his journalistic work, he continued as editor of his paper until his death, in 1872. He married, in Germany, a Miss Albright, and they became the parents of five children, as follows: Charles, Dorothy, Henry, Bertha, and Kossuth.

Born in Meiningen, Saxony, Germany, in 1847, Charles Fromm was scarce two years old when brought to this country by his parents. He was educated in the public schools of Cincinnati, and began his career as a newspaper man in the office of the *Volksblatt*, with which he was associated until 1868. Going then to Portsmouth with his father, he assisted in the starting of the *Unsere Zeit* in that city, and after its removal to Chillicothe was assistant editor and manager of the paper for the remainder of his comparatively short life of but forty-six years, after the death of his father, however, having entire control of the sheet. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Ringwald, was born in Springfield Township, Ross County. Her father, Jacob Ringwald, a native of Germany, emigrated from Baden to America in the early '30s, settling in Ross County, Ohio. Purchasing a tract of heavily timbered land in Springfield Township, he hewed a farm from the forest, and there he and his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Kessinger, and who was

likewise a native of Baden, spent their remaining days. Mrs. Charles Fromm, who resides in Chillicothe, has four children, namely: Charles Albert, Adolph, Carl, and Frederick.

Acquiring a practical education in the schools of Chillicothe, Charles Albert Fromm early displayed a natural taste and talent for journalism, and at the age of sixteen years entered the office of the *Unsere Zeit*, where he obtained a thorough knowledge of all the departments connected with the making of a good newspaper. Since the death of his father, Mr. Fromm has had entire control of the paper, both as editor and general manager, and has met with unquestioned success in his labors, the *Unsere Zeit*, the only German newspaper of Ross County, having a large circulation, which is constantly increasing. In 1900 Mr. Fromm enlarged his operations by adding to his publishing business that of job printing, his plant being now amply supplied with all of the most approved appliances and machinery for carrying on his work.

On September 19, 1914, Mr. Fromm was united in marriage with Ida Margaret Cochrane, who was born in Columbus, Ohio, a daughter of S. H. B. and Mary Ellen Cochrane, the former of whom was born in Virginia, and the latter in Illinois. Mr. Fromm is a member of the Eintracht Singing Society, in which he takes great interest. Fraternally he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and to the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Religiously he is a member of the Salem Evangelical Church.

JAMES V. SHOOK, a resident of Ross County more than twenty years, has become especially well known as a dairyman, and is the owner of the picturesque and historic estate at Chillicothe known as the Woodbridge Homestead—Dun Glen Farm.

He has had a career of varied environment and achievement. He was born at Bremen, Fairfield County, Ohio, October 13, 1855. His grandfather was born in Pennsylvania of early German ancestry, and was one of the pioneer settlers of Fairfield County, where he met his death by accident when in his prime. John A. Shook, father of James V., was also born in Fairfield County, was reared there, and from early youth found his greatest pleasure in handling horses. After reaching manhood he trained many noted horses for the track. On February 10, 1864, John W. Shook enlisted in Company M, of the Twelfth Regiment of Ohio Cavalry, being appointed sergeant of his company. He went to the front, and during more than a year of active service was present at the following battles: Mount Sterling and Cynthiana, Kentucky; Sallville, Virginia; Kingsport and Bristol, Tennessee; Abingdon, Wytheville and Marion, Virginia; second battle of Sallville, Virginia; Salisbury, Dallas and Catawba River in North Carolina. With the close of actual hostilities his regiment was engaged in guard duty until honorably discharged at Nashville on November 14, 1865. After his army career John W. Shook returned to Fairfield County, and died there about one year later. The maiden name of his wife was Elenora Crooks and she died still earlier in life, leaving four children named Charles, John W.,

James V. and Elizabeth. The son Charles died young; John W. is an active physician at Canal Winchester; Elizabeth is married and lives in Zanesville.

James V. Shook was little more than an infant when his mother died, and he was only about ten years of age when his father passed away. In the meantime after his mother's death he went to live with Solomon Berry at North Bern, and became a member of that family. He received his education in the district schools, and early found employment at the home of his foster father. Mr. Berry was an extensive land owner, operating his land through tenants, and he also made a business of buying and feeding cattle. In this latter department James V. Shook began taking an active part at an early age, and he continued a member of the Berry household until he was twenty-six. He then moved to Chillicothe, and four years was associated with his brother-in-law in the millinery business. In the meantime his foster father had moved to Upper Sandusky, and there Mr. Shook joined him.

In 1889 Mr. Shook returning to Chillicothe engaged in the livery business and was active in that line until 1896. At that date he made his first venture as a dairyman. With only one cow he supplied five customers, but in a short time was at the head of a growing business, and he now keeps a herd of from forty to fifty cows. In 1907 Mr. Shook bought the estate formerly known as Dun Glen, which for many years was the home of John Woodbridge, president of the first bank ever established in Chillicothe. It is one of the most picturesque suburban homes in Ross County, and under Mr. Shook's management is both a beautiful home and a fine business plant. His is one of the leading dairies of this section of Ohio, and he and his family reside in an attractive home surrounded with extensive grounds kept in the best repair.

In April, 1883, Mr. Shook married Elizabeth Dydarman, who was born in Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio. Mrs. Shook is an active member of the Walnut Street Methodist Church at Chillicothe. Fraternally Mr. Shook is affiliated with Chillicothe Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

JOSEPH L. SCHILDER. The name Schilder has been closely and prominently identified with business affairs in Chillicothe for more than fifty years. One of the largest produce and seed houses of Central Ohio is Schilder Brothers, one of whose members is Joseph L. Schilder, a son of the founder of the business.

Born August 13, 1869, in Ross County, Joseph L. Schilder is a son of Martin and Caroline (Oberer) Schilder. Martin Schilder was a native of Germany and was twelve years of age when brought to America in 1836 by his parents. The family located in Chillicothe and they and their descendants have lived here continuously now for fully eighty years. In 1853 Martin Schilder became associated in partnership with Mr. Eichenlaub under the firm name of Schilder & Eichenlaub in the milling business. The firm conducted one of the leading enterprises of the city up to 1875. In 1876 Martin Schilder went into the produce

business with his sons under the name M. Schilder & Sons, and his active connection with the firm continued fifteen years.

Since he withdrew the business has been conducted under the name Schilder Brothers. They are not only extensive shippers of produce and seeds but also grow large crops for the market, and in addition to handling large quantities of potatoes and other staple commodities they specialize in onion seeds and onion sets, and they supply immense quantities to onion growers all over the Middle West. Martin Schilder died in 1893. He had long been one of Chillicothe's prominent citizens, was a member of the city council for twenty years and president of the council six years. He also served as a member of the board of public works for two terms. In politics he was a democrat.

In the Schilder family were eleven children, and seven of them are still living. Joseph L. Schilder grew up in Chillicothe, attended St. Mary's parochial schools and was also a student in two private schools and a business college. He has for upwards of thirty years been an active member of the firm of Schilder Brothers, and has been largely responsible for its success. He is a democrat, and is married and has a family of three children.

HIRAM STREITENBERGER. For more than thirty-five years Hiram Streitenberger has conducted one line of business at Chillicothe and there are hundreds of citizens and patrons who accord him the distinction of being the master tonsorial artist in the city.

He was born December 31, 1860, in Pike County, Ohio, a son of John and Margaret Streitenberger. His father John and his grandfather Peter were natives of Germany, and the latter brought his family to America in 1832 and located three miles north of Waverly on a farm. John Streitenberger followed farming all his active career in Pike County and died there February 28, 1892.

The ninth in a family of ten children, Hiram Streitenberger had to begin the struggle for a livelihood at an early age and after attending the district schools of Pike County and remaining at home until he was sixteen, he went to Circleville and spent two years in learning the barber's trade. Then in 1878 at the age of eighteen he came to Chillicothe, and for more than a generation he has quietly followed his vocation and while providing for his family and home has also acquired a host of friends. In 1910 he began the manufacturing of toupees, and in that he excels and his shop has become noted all over this section of Ohio. He employs a force of expert operators, and the best of workmanship and the best quality of goods are his business motto. He also conducts one of the largest and best equipped tonsorial parlors in the city.

Mr. Streitenberger is a member of the U. C. T. Council, is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and is affiliated with Scioto Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons. In politics he is now independent though reared and for many years a democrat. For two years he served as coroner of Ross County.

On June 10, 1885, Mr. Streitenberger was married in Ross County to

Miss Mary R. Hess, whose people were also of German nativity. To their union have been born six children, and the five now living are: Clara R., born May 8, 1886; Bertha R., born February 18, 1888, and a stenographer; Leona M., born January 8, 1891, and also a stenographer; Freda K., born November 25, 1894, and clerking for her father; Elinor T., born November 30, 1897, a graduate of the Chillicothe High School and now a nurse in the Mount Carmel Hospital at Columbus, Ohio.

“COL.” RICHARD ENDERLIN. A citizen in whom any community might justly take pride, is Col. Richard Enderlin of Chillicothe. For half a century he has been usefully identified with the business and civic welfare of Ross County, and his name for all time in the future will be perpetuated in one of the best institutions of philanthropy in the State of Ohio.

He was born in Germany and spent part of his early life in Ohio on a farm in Ross County. His birth occurred at Eichstetten in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, January 11, 1843. He was brought to this country by his parents, John M. and Barbara (Eberlin) Enderlin, who arrived in Chillicothe, Ohio, January 11, 1854, accompanied by nine children. His father was a resident of Ross County and Chillicothe until his death in 1897. Altogether there were eleven children, four of whom are still living.

For more than fifty years Colonel Enderlin's home has been in or near Chillicothe. His life work began as a boy on the farm. By working as a farm hand he employed his services to good advantage for a time, and at the age of eighteen, though considered too young to enlist regularly in the service of his adopted country, he managed by dint of ingenuity to get enrolled as a drummer boy in Company B, then en route from a neighboring county to Chillicothe, in the fall of 1861. Company B was attached to the Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which company he served except for a time in a hospital with a bullet wound, and both in the East and in the West until his honorable discharge on May 30, 1865. For an act of valor performed on the battlefield at Gettysburg the Congress of the United States voted him the Congressional Medal of Honor, and he was promoted to duty sergeant of his company. The congressional medal is one of Colonel Enderlin's most prized relics. Since its organization Colonel Enderlin has been a member of the A. L. Brown Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. The valor and enthusiasm which he displayed during the war for the Union have been characteristic of his work as a business man and citizen.

After the war he returned home to Chillicothe and became a member of the Union Coal Company, a concern which is still in existence at Chillicothe. Colonel Enderlin is now president of The Union Shoe Manufacturing Company, which was incorporated in 1896 and succeeded the Union Shoe Company. He is president of The Carbondale Coal Company of Athens County, with headquarters in Chillicothe. He is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the Order of Elks, in politics is a repub-

lican and is the father of seven living children: Flora S., now Mrs. H. V. Hopkins; William M., now superintendent of the Union Shoe Manufacturing Company; Pretley, assistant superintendent of The Carbondale Coal Company; Anna Welch, now Mrs. Daniel Friend; Rowena L., living at home; Carl H., secretary of the Union Coal Company; Nell, Mrs. Frank Ferguson.

Colonel Enderlin's career in the past half century has been one of progressive effort, and he is now at the head of and actively identified with several of the leading enterprises of Chillicothe. At the same time he has been foremost in nearly all public movements for the real betterment of Chillicothe. It was his sincere and deeply grounded interest in humanity that gave him the idea, while his business capacity and means enabled him to carry out the plan which bore fruitage in 1914 in the Richard Enderlin Welfare House, an institution appropriately described in other paragraphs. It should be noted that this welfare house is in some features of its equipment and service a first model of the kind in the United States.

For his charitable deeds and his extensive contributions to all worthy causes, Colonel Enderlin is known not only in Ross County but pretty well over the State of Ohio. It is an old saying with him that when you find a fellow in good health in distress, give him something to do. That idea being always present in his mind, he is even at the date of this writing a very large employer of labor in the several industries of which he is the head.

It might not be out of place to add that Colonel Enderlin has been the direct means of a number of young men getting started in honorable business careers. In his time he has given in proportion to his means as liberally to public charities as anyone in Chillicothe, and he has been equally generous to those in whom he felt interested and those who needed real charity. Few of his personal friends have any idea of the pleasure it seems to give him and the amount in dollars as well as spirit that he has and is still dispensing in these worthy causes.

JACOB OVERLY. One of the most successful farm managers in Ross County is Jacob Overly, who now directs the operations of a large place of 200 acres located on the Cincinnati Pike three miles east of Bainbridge on Rural Route No. 1 out of that town, and known as "Maples Farm." Farm management is now a matter of science as well as routine application of industry, and if any one knows how to get the most out of land and stock in this section of Ohio it is Jacob Overly.

This is a family that has been identified with Ross County for a great many years. Jacob Overly was born in Springfield Township of this county on January 19, 1866, a son of John H. and Rebecca (Arthurs) Overly. His father was born in Springfield Township in 1830. The grandfather, Frederick Overly, arrived in Ross County as a boy with his parents, and thus the family was established here early in the last century when the country was all new and undeveloped. The Overlys bore

their share of the hardships and difficulties connected with the improvement of Springfield Township and they selected as their first home location a site on the high ground in preference to the swampy and unwholesome bottom lands. It was in that locality that John H. Overly grew to manhood. Rebecca Arthurs was born near McArthur in Vinton County in 1838. She came with her parents to Ross County, her people settling on a rented farm close to the old home place which Jacob Overly now owns. In that way the destinies of the two families were thrown together and John H. and Rebecca were married not long afterward. They spent the rest of their years on their farm and John H. died in 1896 and his widow in 1910. There were eight children in their family: William H., who lives on his brother Jacob's farm in Springfield Township; Ellen, who died as the wife of Clinton Tripp; Jacob; Catherine, wife of John Ramley; Mattie and Charles, both living in Springfield Township; Oscar, of Dayton, Ohio; and Samantha, of Springfield Township.

The father of these children was a very ardent democrat, seldom missed a vote, and was ever ready to work for his friends and for the benefit of the community. He also belonged to the Hopetown Methodist Church in Springfield Township.

Jacob Overly attended district school at Bunker Hill. When he was about twenty years of age he started out to make his own way in the world. He had no capital at the time and his main dependence was upon his industry and perseverance. He rented a farm and also farmed on the share. In that way he gradually accumulated the capital which enabled him to buy the old home place of thirty-three acres. He kept adding to that until he had it 100 acres, and that property now represents the steady accumulation of years of industry and well directed effort.

Most of his success in the way of accumulation of land has come from farming both his own property and other land. For four years he had charge as overseer of the Dunn farm of 600 acres.

On April 16, 1903, he married Miss Josephine Smith, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Perry) Smith. Soon after his marriage Mr. Overly moved to the Smith farm, and has since managed its broad acres, and that is the home of himself and his worthy wife. He is one of the republican voters of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Overly's home is one of the attractive places along the Cincinnati Pike.

JOHN C. FOSTER. Of the families which have contributed to the agricultural welfare and development of Ross County, one of the best known and most highly regarded is that bearing the name of Foster, of whom a worthy representative is found in the person of John C. Foster. Mr. Foster, who is now nearly seventy years of age, has spent practically his entire life in one community, and by constant devotion to one line of business, farming, has prospered beyond the ordinary. His home place of 260 acres is on rural route No. 1 from Higby and in Franklin Township. He also owns another farm of 260 acres and a three-fourths interest in one of 110 acres, one being located in Franklin Township of Ross County, and the other in Jackson Township of Pike County.

A substantial quality of human character is persistence and permanence. This is well illustrated in the fact that two successive generations of the Foster family were born in the same house on the same farm. John C. Foster was born on the farm where he now resides January 4, 1847, and his father Thomas C. Foster was born in the same house and on the same farm in 1813. This latter date indicates how early the Foster family came to Ohio. The grandfather John Foster was born and spent his early life on the line between Maryland and Virginia. He married there, and soon afterward came west to Ohio. Ohio was not a state then and was part of the great Northwest Territory. John Foster arrived about the year 1795, soon after Gen. Anthony Wayne had completely subdued the Indians of the Northwest and had opened the way for white settlement. John Foster the pioneer was accompanied by his brothers Thomas and Joseph, each of whom took up a quarter section of land in Ross County. John Foster lived in this county the rest of his useful years, but he died while visiting his sons in Madison County, Ohio. He was a man of much prominence in his day, and besides the heavy work of farming he was also a local Methodist minister.

Thomas C. Foster married Jane E. Davis, and he subsequently bought out the heirs of the old homestead and lived there until he was killed in a railroad accident in 1882. His wife was the daughter of John Davis, one of the early settlers of Ross County. They had six children, and the three now living are Martha, widow of J. P. Foster of Franklin Township; James and John C., both of Franklin Township.

Reared on the old farm, John C. Foster found abundant opportunities for work and improvement of mind and body from an early age. His district school education was continued by a course in the National Normal College at Lebanon during the years 1866-67. With the exception of six years spent in Scioto County, he has lived on the old homestead in Franklin Township since his birth.

On August 14, 1867, he married Mary E. Foster, daughter of Joseph Foster of Pike County, Ohio. Eleven children were born to their union, and the six now living are Jennie, wife of Joe Higby; William, at home; Emma, at home; John, living in Liberty Township; Joseph, in Pike County; Charles, of Marietta, Ohio. The other children died young with the exception of Herbert W. In politics Mr. Foster is a republican.

WILLIAM A. WALLACE. A lawyer by profession, a farmer by avocation, a public leader since boyhood, William A. Wallace, of Chillicothe, has played a very interesting and useful part during his course through life, and he is still only in his prime.

He was born in Chillicothe September 24, 1867, a son of Augustus and Ann Elizabeth (McGinnis) Wallace. An interesting fact of his ancestry is that he is a grandnephew of Governor Edward Tiffin, the first governor of Ohio. Augustus Wallace was born in Chillicothe in 1833. The grandfather was Cadwallader Wallace, who came from Culpeper Court House, Virginia, in 1807, being a single man at the time.

and in the capacity of a government land surveyor. His work is a part of nearly all the land records of this section of the state. He laid out many of the township lines and many of the parcels of land included in family estates. He made his home at Chillicothe until his death in 1860, and was active in business affairs until some ten or fifteen years before his death. He acquired large holdings of land and was considered a man of considerable wealth for his time.

Augustus Wallace was one of his parents' eleven children, six of whom survived their father. For many years he employed his time in managing and overseeing the Wallace estate. His wife, Ann Elizabeth McGinnis, was born in Chillicothe in August, 1837, a daughter of James S. McGinnis, who came to Chillicothe from Massachusetts. By trade he was a furrier and hatter, and through those lines acquired a very substantial place in Chillicothe business affairs. Augustus Wallace and wife had five children, and the three now living are: Elizabeth, wife of John J. Frazer, of Los Angeles, California; William A.; and Adah, wife of Dennis McConnell, of Chicago.

As his parents were very well-to-do people, William A. Wallace had every advantage he desired in the way of a good home and opportunities for education. He grew up in Chillicothe, where he attended school, and he took up the study of law with Hon. Lawrence T. Neal of the Chillicothe bar. For a number of years he was engaged in office practice, but has had comparatively little part in the legal profession for the past fifteen years. Most of his time is now given to the management of his various farming and other business interests, and particularly to the control of his estate of 300 acres known as the Mountain View Farm and located four miles east of Bainbridge, on the Chillicothe-Milford Turnpike Road. He is also one of the owners of the noted Rocky Fork Caves at Bainbridge.

For many years he has been an influential factor in republican politics in this section of Ohio. When twenty years of age he was nicknamed the "young eagle of Ross," and possessing unusual eloquence and the strong convictions that make a political leader, he was a forceful campaigner and stumped the state with such celebrated figures as John Sherman, William McKinley, J. B. Foraker and Marcus A. Hanna. He has always been interested in politics, but never as a seeker of office for himself.

On January 5, 1899, William Wallace married Anna M. Jones, daughter of William A. and Jane (Storms) Jones. The Storms family in Ross County dates back to John Storms, who came from Virginia in 1810, spent the rest of his life in this county and became an extensive land owner. William A. Jones, father of Mrs. Wallace, acquired much wealth in land and other property and died in Ross County in December, 1901. His widow is still living on the old homestead here.

Mr. Wallace is very active in fraternal circles, being affiliated with Scioto Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons; Chillicothe Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; Chillicothe Council, No. 4, Royal and Select Masters; Chillicothe Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar; Scioto Con-

sistory of the Scottish Rite at Columbus, and Alladin Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Columbus. He and his wife are both members of Chapter No. 183 of the Eastern Star at Bainbridge. He also belongs to Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is past exalted ruler. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Chillicothe.

E. E. ROCKHOLD. Historically one of the most interesting estates in Ross County is the old Nathaniel Massie homestead, a mile west of Bainbridge. This is now the home of Mr. Rockhold, a progressive citizen of Ross County, whose business affairs are of a varied nature and who is especially well known for the successful manner in which he conducts his farm as a stock raising proposition. The farm comprises 450 acres.

Mr. Rockhold was born in Bainbridge November 19, 1873. He belongs to one of the old families of Southern Ohio, and it was his great-grandfather, Joseph Rockhold, who came to Ross County from Pennsylvania in the early days. His first settlement was along the river bottoms, but on account of the sickness which prevailed there, he soon afterward moved back to the hills and spent the rest of his life as an industrious pioneer farmer. Elijah Rockhold, a son of the pioneer Joseph, was born on the High Banks of Ross County. When a young man of eighteen years of age he started out for himself. At that time railroads had not yet penetrated this section of Ohio and he was employed as driver of a stage on the line between Marietta and Chillicothe, his route extending between Chillicothe and Hillsboro. From that he took a position as clerk for a merchant named Adams, and progressed so rapidly that Mr. Adams soon made him active manager and in time he bought the entire business and was long known as one of Ross County's successful and well-to-do merchants.

E. C. Rockhold, father of E. E. Rockhold, was born in Bainbridge, one of eight children and the only one who reached mature years. His wife, Cidna M. Jones, was born at McArthur, in Vinton County, Ohio, where her father was an extensive farmer and became widely known as one of the early importers of Merino sheep. E. C. Rockhold and wife had three children: E. E.; Georgiana B., living at home; and Cyrus K., who is a graduate in the mining course from the Ohio State University and is now located at Castle Gate, Utah.

Mr. E. E. Rockhold has had a various business experience. His early training was directed largely to preparation for a business career. He attended the Bainbridge schools, the old Salem Academy, the New York Military Academy, and the University of Pennsylvania. For six months he was employed at a bank in Philadelphia. He then returned home for two years, following which he spent four years in New York City. His father had served three years in the Union army during the Civil war, going out with Company H of the Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was captured and spent fifteen months in the Andersonville and Libbey prisons, and the suffering of prison life undermined his health and he was never entirely strong after the war. It was to take charge of his

father's business that E. E. Rockhold resigned his position in New York City and returned home. After that he had complete charge of the business. As a farmer, Mr. Rockhold specializes in registered hogs of the Duroc strain, and he keeps all his livestock up to a high grade. Besides his interest as a farmer and stock raiser, he owns stock in banks and is one of the prominent business men of Ross County.

During the Spanish-American war Mr. Rockhold enlisted in the First Naval Battalion and was assigned to the signal corps.

On September 24, 1906, he married Nelle H. Elliott, of a family from Waverly, Ohio. They are the parents of two daughters: Helen D. and Pauline E. Mr. Rockhold is affiliated with Bainbridge Lodge, No. 196, Free and Accepted Masons; Greenfield Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Chillicothe Council, No. 4, Royal and Select Masters, and Chillicothe Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar. His politics is republican. In his home community he has served as member of the town council, also on the board of public affairs and the school board.

JOHN M. WILTSHIRE, M. D. Among its prominent medical men Ross County has in the person of Doctor Wiltshire one who did his first professional service before the Civil war. He was a soldier of the Union army, and for more than half a century has been a kindly, helpful and skillful practitioner of medicine and a friend to hosts of people who admire his character and personality in Ross County.

His home is now at Richmond Dale in this county. He was born at Waller, in Ross County, October 8, 1834, and has nearly reached his eighty-second birthday. His parents were William and Lydia (Stinson) Wiltshire. A native of Virginia, his father came when very young with his parents to Ross County. That was early in the last century, and here he grew up on a farm practically on the frontier, with such education as the schools of that time afforded, and became a successful farmer near Waller. He owned a place of about 150 acres, and it was by farming that he provided for himself and his family. After the formation of that party, he was a republican, and was also a member of the Swedenborgian faith, though his wife was a Methodist. They had eleven children: Dr. John M.; James and Jacob, who died in infancy; Gaines, who became a member of Company K in the Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry and was killed in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain; William, now deceased; Benjamin F., deceased; Henry C., who lives in Londonderry; Horace, a resident of Macey, Wells County, Indiana; Mary, wife of Scott Finley of Massieville; Margaret, wife of Gibson Recob, of Dayton, Ohio; and Grace, wife of John Wood, of Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. John M. Wiltshire grew up on his father's farm, attended the district schools when they were still conducted on the subscription plan, and in early manhood he began the study of medicine. He read books at home, also had Doctor Lander, of Chillicothe, as a preceptor. He began practice and also had his military experience before he entered the Starling Medical College of Columbus, from which he graduated M. D. in 1865. For one year Doctor Wiltshire was in the army, a mem-

ber of Company E of the Sixty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He practiced at Chillicothe and afterwards was at Mooresville, until he entered the army. Later, for a year, he was at Londonderry, then completed his university education and returned there and started on an extensive practice over a wide surrounding territory until 1910. Since that year he has lived at Richmond Dale, and though an old man, is still practicing. Doctor Wiltshire practically has a better knowledge of conditions under which the medical men of Ross County have practiced than any other living physician. He did a large practice in the years before the good roads movement had begun, before telephones and automobiles were thought of, and he had his share of that arduous toil connected with medical practice forty or fifty years ago.

In 1856 Doctor Wiltshire married Mary Sutherland, a daughter of James Sutherland. Doctor Wiltshire may well take pride in the worthy sons and daughters who follow him in life's generation. These sons are Dr. J. S. Wiltshire, W. H. Wiltshire and J. E. Wiltshire, and the daughter is Mary F. Counts.

W. A. ACTON. For many years Mr. W. A. Acton was in the service of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway Company, but his inclinations were largely settled in the direction of farming as a youth, and for the past six years he has enjoyed the fruits and comforts of a fine farm of 138 acres a mile from Richmond Dale on the Richmond Dale and Vigo road. This is a place long known as the Heath farm, and is on rural route No. 2 out of Chillicothe.

The Acton family has been identified with Ross County for fully a century. Mr. Acton was born on a farm at Musselman, in this county, June 11, 1858. His parents were Lott and Isabelle (Kellenbarger) Acton. His grandfather, William Acton, was a Virginian. He enlisted from that state for service in the War of 1812, and after leaving the army he married in Virginia and at once brought his bride to Ross County, locating in Union Township. A century ago nearly all of Ross County was a wilderness, and the Actons were among those who laid the foundations for the civilization which the people of the present generation enjoy. William Acton acquired a farm, and in his time was one of the substantial citizens of the county.

Lott Acton was born in South Union Township, grew up on a farm, and for his first wife married Miss Houser. She became the mother of two children, one of whom died in infancy, and the other is Alfred Acton, of Chillicothe. For his second wife Lott Acton married Isabelle Kellenbarger, and they then settled on a farm close to Musselman, in Ross County. In 1863 Lott Acton left his farm and his family to give his services to the preservation of the Union. He died at Camp Dennison from illness contracted while in the service. He and his second wife became the parents of five children: Joseph, of Chillicothe; W. A. Acton; Mary Elizabeth, now deceased; John, a resident of Concord Township; and Lott Albert, of Chillicothe.

Mr. W. A. Acton was only a child when his father died. He grew

up on the home farm, made the best of his advantages in the district schools, but early in life determined to make his own way and do what he could to support himself and contribute to the support of the household. He helped to conduct the farm, worked out by the month, spending two years in that way in Pickaway County, and for twenty-seven years was employed on the different branches of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway in the section service. He was made foreman, and in that capacity spent nineteen years, with headquarters at Richmond Dale. In 1910 Mr. Acton, leaving the railroad service, bought his present farm and is giving all his time and energies to its profitable management.

On November 15, 1893, Mr. Acton married Miss Margaret B. Woodring, who was born in Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio, and came as a girl with her parents to Ross County. She is a daughter of John and Jennie Woodring. While growing up in Ross County she met Mr. Acton, and to their marriage have been born six children. William Herman, who graduated from the public schools of Richmond Dale, furthered his education in Dennison University, has been a successful teacher and is now in a business college at Columbus. Ruth Juanita is the wife of D. D. Weinrich, a telegraph operator. Clarence Franklin lives in Chillicothe and married Mary Drummond. Floyd Edward is still at home and in the eighth grade of the public school. Herbert died in infancy. Louise is still at home and a schoolgirl.

Mr. Acton is a past noble grand of Garfield Lodge, No. 710, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. While always a busy man, he has found time to serve the interests of his community, and for the past seven years has administered the duties of trustee of Jefferson Township. Politically he is a democrat.

JACOB E. DuBOIS. For upwards of eighty years members of the DuBois family have been factors in the agricultural improvement of Ross County. The old DuBois homestead, particularly known as the Far View Farm, is situated on the Richmond Dale and Londonderry roads, half a mile south of Vigo. The active manager of this farm at present is Jacob E. DuBois, grandson of the original settler, and a very capable and progressive young man.

His birth occurred on this farm August 21, 1871, and his personal industry has been concerned with its cultivation and management since early manhood.

This branch of the DuBois family is a very old one. For a number of generations during the colonial period they lived in Ulster County, New York. All of them are descendants of Louis DuBois, who was of French Huguenot stock, and emigrated from Holland to the State of New York in early colonial times. The family had its original seat in France, and on account of religious persecution moved from there to Protestant Holland, and then some of its members crossed the Atlantic and found homes in the New World.

The founder of the name in Ross County was Henry DuBois, who was born in Ulster County, New York, February 3, 1797. In the same county was born, on January 2, 1803, Elizabeth Ransom. These two young people grew up together, had their education in such schools as were provided at the time, and Elizabeth taught for ten years in one district in New York. They were married October 12, 1837, and in the following year they came west to Ohio, locating in Ross County on the farm in Jefferson Township where they spent their peaceful and useful lives. Henry DuBois was a whig in politics, until the decline of that party, and afterwards was a republican. They had only two children, and the daughter, Mary E., who was born in 1839, died at the age of sixteen.

Jacob DuBois, Sr., who is now living retired at Vigo, was born on the old homestead in Jefferson Township July 20, 1841. He attended the district schools and also the academy at Kingston, and for three winters followed the profession of teacher. Being the only son and only surviving child, he inherited the old homestead of 320 acres, and was actively concerned with its management until 1902, when he turned over the responsibilities to his son Jacob, and has since lived retired. On April 5, 1865, Jacob DuBois married Margaret Jones, who was born in Ross County, a daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob DuBois have five children: Henry J., a resident of Houston, Texas; Mary E., who is unmarried and still lives with her parents; Eliza A., wife of H. F. Rittenour, of Chillicothe; Gertrude R., wife of Joseph Higby, of Franklin Township; and Jacob E., who is the youngest of the family. Jacob DuBois, Sr., now has fourteen grandchildren. He and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Londonderry and in politics he is a republican.

Jacob E. DuBois obtained his early education in the district schools at Richmond Dale. He grew up on the farm, and before reaching manhood was skilled in all phases of the agricultural business. He is making a great success as a farmer and is one of the highly esteemed men of his community.

On April 25, 1900, he married Claire Lewis, of Jackson, Ohio, daughter of David Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. DuBois are the parents of eight children: Mary A., aged fifteen; Margaret, aged thirteen; Jacob E., aged twelve; Lewis, aged ten; Janetje, aged eight; David, aged six; Cornelia, aged four; and Dwain, aged two. All the children except the two youngest are now attending the district schools, and their parents are doing their best to give them careful and methodical training while young. Mr. DuBois, as the father of a large family, is serving his community as member of the Richmond Dale School Board. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church of that place, and in politics he is a republican.

C. L. COUNTS. Head miller of the Richmond Dale Milling Company, Mr. C. L. Counts has spent his years actively and energetically and among varied employments. He comes of a family that possesses unusual

skill in mechanical trades. Mr. Counts himself is practically a master of all kinds of machinery, and that faculty has been an important cause in his ability to get ahead in the world. Besides looking after the interests of the mill at Richmond Dale, he also owns and lives on a farm of 120 acres in Jefferson Township.

He was born at Richmond Dale February 2, 1864, a son of L. F. and Lucretia (French) Counts. His father was born at Uniontown, Virginia, January 7, 1836, but when four years of age his parents came out to Ross County, Ohio. Grandfather Counts was a blacksmith, and in 1840 set up a shop in Richmond Dale, and made that shop the medium of an important service to the community until his death. Ross County had few citizens who worked longer and were so highly regarded in their community as the late L. F. Counts. He learned the trade of blacksmith in his father's shop and, beginning his apprenticeship there at the age of twelve years, was constantly on duty as a blacksmith and general mechanic in that one location from that time forward for sixty-eight years. He celebrated his eightieth birthday on January 7, 1916, and on the following day he was again at his shop and shod a horse, among other work. He continued active almost up to the date of his death, on June 12, 1916. He and his wife became the parents of seven children: James Edward, of Jefferson Township; Jennie, wife of T. M. Heath, of Gillespieville; C. L. Counts; Letitia, who died in 1895; Daisy, wife of T. G. Hedges, living on their farm north of Chillicothe; and two that died in childhood.

Mr. C. L. Counts grew up in the old home at Richmond Dale, attended the common schools, and from boyhood up has been familiar with the use of tools, and particularly with the activities carried on in his father's shop. He learned the trade under his father, and worked in the old shop for a number of years. He was also employed in farm labor and in railroad work.

On October 30, 1888, Mr. Counts married Nellie E. Rogers, who was born in Portsmouth, Scioto County, Ohio, October 5, 1867, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Watson) Rogers. Thomas Rogers was born at Newcastle, England, grew up there, passed a thorough apprenticeship in the machinist's trade, and for many years conducted a blacksmith and general machine shop at Portsmouth. He was married in England, and six months later he brought his bride to America, first locating in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. While they lived there one child was born to them, and from Pennsylvania they removed to Portsmouth, where Thomas Rogers followed his trade for many years. Both the Watson and Rogers families have been capable and splendid people through a number of generations in England. Thomas Rogers was a natural musician and from the age of fourteen he and his sister Mary sang in the choir of their church in England. The Watson family furnished many useful men to the profession of the ministry, and that branch of Mrs. Counts' ancestry has an honorable record as far back as it can be traced. Mrs. Counts was graduated from the Portsmouth High School, and before her marriage was a substitute teacher in the Portsmouth schools.

In 1890, after his marriage, Mr. Counts removed to Portsmouth and for about a year was engaged in blacksmith work. During 1894-95 he was a clerk in the store of W. A. Maxwell, and in the fall of 1895 first began work in the mill at Richmond Dale. In 1897 he left that employment and followed other lines of work for a few months, and in January, 1898, returned to the mill and was actively connected with its operation until 1906. In January, 1906, Mr. Counts entered the service of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Chillicothe, but in a few months returned to his old home and worked in different lines until 1911. He then entered the service of A. Patterson in the mill, and since June, 1913, has been associated with Mr. J. E. Counts as head miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Counts are the parents of five children: Lewis J., who graduated from the Richmond High School and the Chillicothe High School, was for four years engaged in teaching, for two years served as postmaster, and resigning that office, moved to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, where he is now engaged in office work. Florence, the second child, is a graduate of the Chillicothe High School and of Dennison University at Granville, Ohio, and since 1915 has been one of the capable teachers at Richmond Dale. The three younger children, Edwin, Agnes and Lydia, are all at home, and Edwin is carrying many of the duties connected with the management of the home farm.

Mrs. Counts is one of a family of nine children, mentioned briefly as follows: Jennie, widow of John Woodring, of Jefferson Township, Ross County; Mary, who taught school for thirty years in Portsmouth and is now living in Scioto County, the widow of Henry Yengling; George is a resident of Dayton, Ohio; Stella married Thomas Smith, now deceased, a resident of Maryland; Fannie lives with her sister Mary and is unmarried; Lydia is the wife of Charles Rowe, of Portsmouth; Leona, who taught school seven years, is the deceased wife of Joseph Sultzer of Cincinnati; Mrs. Counts is the next in age; and John is a practical machinist and fine workman living at Dayton.

Mr. Counts has served in the office of noble grand of Garfield Lodge, No. 710, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Richmond Dale. He and all his family are members of the Baptist Church and he is one of the church trustees. Politically a democrat, he served for three years in the office of justice of the peace.

HON. OLIVER P. GOODMAN. The record of Oliver P. Goodman in Ross County is a long and honorable one. He has been a farmer, a surveyor, a member of the state Legislature, and has rendered valuable service both in his home community and to the state at large.

He represents one of the very oldest families of Ross County. He was born on a farm in Green Township, April 27, 1839. His great-grandfather, George Goodman, a native of Germany, came to America in colonial times, settling in Pennsylvania, where he spent the rest of his days. He married Catherine Gouger, who was born in New Jersey in 1732, as a child went with her parents to Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and there, when she was twelve years of age, she and a younger

brother were stolen by the Indians and taken into the country beyond the Ohio to what was later known as Northwest Territory. Her brother was too young to endure the hardships of travel and, was killed by his captors. Catherine Gouger was kept a captive five years. She finally fell into the hands of some French traders, who took her to Canada, and after two years she was released and sent back to Pennsylvania. In the meantime her father had been slain by the Indians and her mother had disappeared. She lived with friends until her marriage in 1756. Quoting from the issue of the News-Advertiser of May 3, 1915, "the first white woman of whom there is any permanent record of having been within the present limits of Ross county was Catherine (Gouger) Goodman, ancestor of the Goodman family of this county, many of whom live in Green township and some in this city—Chillicothe. The Goodman family is one of the oldest and best known in the county." After the death of her husband she came to the Northwest Territory with her children, Christena and William. She recognized the spot where they settled as one where she had camped while traveling with the Indians. The death of this venerable pioneer woman occurred in Ross County in 1801, and her grave on her son's farm was cleared by her own hand, and her request was to be buried there, the place being known as the camping ground for the Indians while she was a captive. Her resting place was marked by a suitable monument in 1916, erected by her great-grandchildren.

John Goodman, a son of George and Catherine Goodman, was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and in the spring of 1797 he came out to Northwest Territory on a prospecting tour. He made the journey on horseback, and after considerable examination of various parts of Southern Ohio, bought a pre-emption right, or as it was sometimes called, squatter's claim to a tract of government land in the fractional part of section 4 in what is now Green Township of Ross County. At the time there was a small two-room log cabin on the land, and a very small portion was cleared. He put in a crop, and after harvest returned East, and in the following spring brought his family, consisting of his mother, the historic character already mentioned, and his wife and five children. They embarked on a flatboat on the upper waters of the Ohio, floated down with its current as far as Portsmouth, and then poled the boat up the Scioto until within a convenient distance of their place of settlement. Later John Goodman erected a more commodious house, and it was for many years an inn and was the stopping place of many noted personages of the day, including President Monroe and General Hull. That was years before railroads were built, and this inn was on highways much frequented by stage coaches. After keeping this public house and improving a large part of his land, John Goodman passed away in the fullness of years, July 15, 1830. The maiden name of his wife was Charlotte Shuck, who was born in Pennsylvania and died April 23, 1825.

David Goodman, father of Oliver P., was born in Green Township of Ross County in 1801, only two or three years after his parents had

settled in that wilderness community. His childhood was spent within a few miles of Chillicothe while that town was capital of the new state, and he was reared to habits of industry, thrift and made a valuable citizen. He did his share in clearing up land and was a very skillful farmer. When he was a farmer all grain was cut with a sickle, and there were many primitive customs which have long since become obsolete. The cooking was done by an open fireplace, and all the clothing worn was the product of the domestic manufacture, beginning with the raising of the wool or the flax and continuing through the various processes of carding, spinning and weaving. After he reached manhood, David Goodman and his brother Daniel began the operation of flatboats along the Scioto, down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. They loaded these boats with grain, flour, bacon and other supplies, and took them to market at New Orleans. There, after selling the cargo and disposing of the boats for lumber, they returned to Portsmouth, usually by a steamboat, and then either walked or rode horseback to Ross County, carrying about their persons the proceeds of their trip in cash. David Goodman died at his farm in Ross County March 12, 1891. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Cullum. She was born in Maryland October 4, 1812, a daughter of George and Nancy (Galloway) Cullum, who arrived in Ross County in 1815, a little more than a century ago. George Cullum was of Welsh ancestry and his wife of both English and Welsh stock. Mrs. David Goodman reared four children, Ellen, Oliver P., Margaret and Mary E.

Even while Oliver P. Goodman was a boy some of the pioneer circumstances had not yet disappeared from Ross County. He attended the district schools, and in 1862 he graduated from Mount Pleasant Academy. He then took charge of his father's farm until 1871, when he bought a farm of his own two miles west of Kingston. He still owns that place, but in 1903 he removed to the Village of Kingston and has since lived there. While attending the academy he made a special study of surveying and civil engineering, and in his earlier years spent much of his time in that profession.

On October 17, 1865, Mr. Goodman married Dorcas Kelley, a daughter of John and Harriet (Williamson) Kelley. Her great-grandfather, William Kelley, was born in Ireland, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and came to America in colonial times, settling in Virginia, where he died. William and Dorcas (McCabe) Kelley, grandparents of Mrs. Goodman, were among the very early settlers of Ross County, and lived near Londonderry, and they are buried in the Schooley Cemetery. John Kelley, father of Mrs. Goodman, was born July 28, 1801, near Richmond, Virginia, and when two years of age, in 1803, was brought to the new State of Ohio, the family living the first four years near Lancaster, in Fairfield County, and then settling near Londonderry, in Ross County. Harriet Williamson, the mother of Mrs. Goodman, was born October 28, 1800, and her father, John Williamson, was a native of New Jersey and arrived in Ohio in 1803. The maiden name of his wife was Hannah Wilkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman reared the following children: Harriet, Alice, Mamie and David K. Harriet is the wife of A. W. Jones, and her two children are Gertrude and Helen. Alice is still at home with her parents. Mamie is the wife of Prof. M. C. Warren. David K. graduated from the Kingston High School, took a special course in Ohio University at Athens, spent one year in Dennison University and graduated from the Cincinnati Dental College, since which time he has been in successful practice at Kingston.

Mr. Goodman has always participated actively in public affairs in his home county. In 1883 he was elected representative to the state Legislature, and while in the Legislature served as a member of the committees on public works and agriculture and as chairman of the public ways committee. Governor Campbell appointed him a member of the committee which had charge of the presentation of the statue of Governor Allen as Ohio's contribution to Memorial Hall at Washington. Mr. Goodman was also instrumental in securing legislation creating the Ohio Livestock Commission and was one of the first members of that commission. For thirty years he served as a member of the school board of Green Township, and for eight consecutive years was honored with the office of mayor of Kingston. Thus the record of his service in private and public life entitled him to the highest consideration and esteem. For many years he has been an active member of Kingston Lodge, No. 372, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has filled all the chairs in the subordinate lodge and has served two terms as district grand master.

THOMAS W. CASE. Business enterprise has notably added to the importance of Richmond Dale, Ohio, in the past few years, and this awakening is largely due to such energetic young men as Thomas W. Case, who is doing a large general mercantile business here. He was born on a farm in Jefferson Township, Ross County, Ohio, May 24, 1885, and is a son of Samuel and Elmira (Byron) Case.

Samuel Case was born in Athens County, Ohio, December 29, 1845, where he attended school and assisted his father on the home farm until 1863, when he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company C, Thirty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the close of hostilities, when he was honorably discharged. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. On December 5, 1868, he was married to Almira Byrom, who was born in Morgan County, Ohio, October 18, 1847. She was reared on a farm in Morgan County, but has lived also in Jackson and Ross counties. Three children were born to the above marriage: Etta, who is the wife of Charles O'Neal, of Chillicothe; Hannah, who is a graduate of Bliss Business College and is a competent stenographer employed in Columbus, Ohio; and Thomas W.

Thomas W. Case was reared on the home farm in Ross County, and after completing his course in the Richmond Dale schools, applied himself to farming for a time and then embarked in a general mercantile business at Richmond Dale, in which undertaking he has met with very

satisfactory results, possessing good judgment and being careful and courteous.

In politics Mr. Case is a republican and takes a very active interest in public affairs and for several years has served with complete efficiency as clerk of Jefferson Township. He is identified with some fraternal organizations, in which he is popular, as he is with his business and political associates. Mr. Case is unmarried.

ABNER J. CASH. One of the valuable estates situated in Jefferson Township, Ross County, is known as Riverdale Farm, comprising 400 acres of well-cultivated land. This farm is owned by Abner J. Cash, who is one of Jefferson Township's leading citizens and public officials. He was born in Jefferson Township February 7, 1863. His parents were Abner and Mary J. (Thompson) Cash.

Abner Cash was born in North Carolina, from which state he came to Ross County when a young man. After marriage he settled on a farm in Franklin Township for a few years and then moved to Pike County, but returned to Ross County, and he and wife were residents of Jefferson Township during the remainder of their lives, his death occurring in 1870 and that of his wife in 1903. She was born in Liberty Township, Ross County. They had nine children, and the following survive: William L., who is a farmer in Fayette County, Ohio; Elizabeth, who is the widow of James Gilmore, lives in Jefferson Township; Eliza, A., who is the wife of Ross Crawford, of Fayette County; and James and Abner J., both of whom are farmers in Jefferson Township.

The birthplace of Abner J. Cash was in the neighborhood of his present home. He attended the district schools as opportunity offered, but had to begin work very early in order to assist his widowed mother, and thus had fewer school advantages than many others. He remained on the home place, an industrious young man and dutiful son, until he was twenty-one years old. From the age of fifteen years Mr. Cash worked for a neighboring farmer, George Watson, at intervals until he was twenty-two years of age, when he was married to Mr. Watson's daughter. Mr. Watson was born in County Durham, England, and was twenty-four years old when he came to the United States, settling in Ohio. On October 13, 1861, in Jefferson Township, Ross County, he was married to Susan Soule, and they had one daughter, Addie M., who is the wife of Abner J. Cash. In England Mr. Watson united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and after settling in Ohio he was licensed as a local preacher in that body.

On June 3, 1885, Mr. Cash was married to Miss Addie M. Watson, who was born in Jefferson Township September 1, 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Cash have four children: Pearl E., who married Bessie Tomlinson; John F., who married Bessie R. Jackson; Susie J., who is the wife of Tracy G. Patterson; and Emma L., who resides with her parents. There are five grandchildren in the family.

Mr. Cash devotes his large farm to general agriculture. He owns additionally a farm of forty-nine acres situated in Pike County. In

politics he has always been a republican and on many occasions his party has elected him to office, he serving six years as township trustee and as clerk of the school board. He is a member and trustee of the Baptist Church at Richmond Dale, and is connected with a fraternal order at the same place.

JACOB S. CALDWELL. The extensive stock interests of Jacob S. Caldwell, proprietor of the Hill Dale Stock Farm, situated in Ross County, Ohio, have made his name a familiar one all over the country. He is one of the leading breeders of fine horses and of high grade stock of all kinds in Ohio, and his exhibits have been prominent features at fairs in a dozen states. He was the owner of the famous trotting horse, Miss Directed, and developed her record of 2:06 $\frac{1}{4}$ and subsequently sold the animal for \$8,000. He also owned Miss Respected, 2:05 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Jacob S. Caldwell was born in Jefferson Township, Ross County, Ohio, December 23, 1865, the youngest son of Edwin and Martha J. (Davis) Caldwell, the former of whom is deceased. He was born in Jefferson Township, Ross County, May 26, 1834, and was educated in both public and private schools. In politics he was a republican. On September 13, 1855, he was married to Miss Martha J. Davis, who survives and resides on the farm on which she was born. Mr. Caldwell carried on farming during active life and was considered a man of sound judgment and much enterprise. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Richmond Dale, and for many years was a trustee in the township where he had always lived. He was one of the stockholders in the Ross County Bank, this stock being the property of his widow.

Mrs. Martha J. Caldwell, mother of Jacob S. Caldwell, was born December 28, 1838, in the same house in which she yet lives, in Jefferson Township, Ross County, Ohio. Her parents were John H. and Elizabeth G. (Strong) Davis. The father of Mrs. Caldwell was born in Ross County and the mother in Jackson County, Ohio. He was reared on a farm in Franklin township and she near Jackson, Ohio, where they were married and then settled on the farm in Ross County where Mrs. Caldwell has passed her life. After the death of Mrs. Davis, in the fall of 1860, Mr. Davis went to Missouri and remained there during the rest of his life. For many years he was prominent in politics and on the republican ticket was elected to the Ohio Legislature. He was a local preacher in the Methodist Church. His four children were: Martha J.; William H., who is a retired farmer in Nodaway County, Missouri; J. J., and James, both of whom are retired farmers in the same section.

Mrs. Caldwell was reared on what was then called the Ginger Hill Farm, situated one-half mile west of Richmond Dale. While she attended the district school she also had instruction from private tutors. She had five children born to her marriage with Edwin Caldwell, namely: Charles D., who is a farmer and stock raiser near Burlington Junction, Missouri; John, who is deceased; Eva E., who is the wife of S. H. Beady, of Colum-

bus, Ohio; Jacob S., of Jefferson Township, Ross County; and Letitia J., who is deceased.

Jacob S. Caldwell attended the common and high schools and then entered Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, where he spent two years, and then returned home and ever since has been interested in his agricultural industries. He owns 1,600 acres of valuable land in Ross and Pickaway counties, made up of four farms. He devotes much attention to the breeding of Aberdeen Angus cattle and keeps from 100 to 150 head at all times, finding a ready market and selling all over the country. The present head of his herd is Belatun. Formerly he raised many trotting horses and still has a number that may be termed "fancy steppers." He has exhibited his stock in many states, including Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, and Ohio, at the state fairs usually, and at the Ohio State Fair was awarded medals for the senior and junior herd champions.

Mr. Caldwell was married to Miss Bertha L. Orr, who is a daughter of Presley and Martha E. Orr. They have five children: Herbert O., who is a graduate of the Chillicothe High School and spent two years in the Ohio State University; Presley E., who is a graduate of the Chillicothe High School; and Jacob, Elizabeth and Bertha E. On her mother's side Mrs. Caldwell is related to Edward Warwick Bradbury, who was Lord Mayor of London. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Caldwell was a direct heir to the great Trinity Church property in New York City, he being one of the lessees to that corporation. In politics Mr. Caldwell is a republican and at present is serving as a member of the county board of equalization.

ROBERT ZURHMELY, who at one time lived in Union Township of Ross County, and was one of the well-known citizens of this section, represent a family that came to Ohio in the very early pioneer days of the last century.

He was born in Philadelphia in 1818. His father, Samuel Zurhmely, was born in Switzerland, where he grew up and married, and in 1818 brought his family to America. Soon after their arrival his son Robert was born in Philadelphia. From Philadelphia the family came on to Ohio, locating in Pickaway County, and Samuel Zurhmely spent his last years in Stringtown, both he and his wife being buried in the Stump churchyard. They reared four sons and one daughter, the sons being Robert, Samuel, John and Peter. The son John was a soldier in the Mexican war and lost his life while with the army south of the Rio Grande.

But an infant when his parents came to Ohio, Robert Zurhmely grew up on a farm in Pickaway County. He learned the trade of carpenter, and followed that actively until his marriage, after which he settled on a farm in Union Township of Ross County. This farm had been given Mrs. Zurhmely by her father. In that locality for many years Mr. Zurhmely carried on his activities as a general farmer and stock raiser, and was one of the most successful men in the business among

all his contemporaries. He bought other land until he owned 700 acres. On that farm he passed away in November, 1893.

The maiden name of his wife was Harriet Lutz. She was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, a daughter of Hon. Samuel and Elizabeth (Seatherolf) Lutz. Mrs. Zurhmely died in December, 1893. She reared six children, named Mary Elizabeth, John, Jennie, Ella, Clarabelle and Samuel L.

Samuel L. Zurhmely is now in active practice as a physician in Kingston. He graduated from the literary department of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, and then pursued his studies at the Ohio Medical University at Cincinnati. After a few years of practice in the South, he returned to Ross County and has built up a good business at Kingston.

DANIEL CHESTNUT is one of the notable pioneer names of Ross County. He was distinguished not only by his very early settlement there, but also by his services as a minister and teacher.

Born in Rockingham County, Virginia, he acquired a good education for that time, qualified as a teacher and was ordained as a minister of the Methodist Church.

It was in 1797 that he came into Northwest Territory, first locating on the south bank of Paint Creek, across the river from the City of Chillicothe. After a time, on account of the unhealthfulness of the locality, he moved to the present site of Massieville and bought 640 acres of land. He made improvements by the erection of a double log cabin and remained a resident in that community until his death. He was one of the first Methodist preachers in that part of Ross County, and supplied the pulpits in many places. He was also the teacher in some of the pioneer schools, and altogether a man whose influence was spread over an entire generation. He filled the office of justice of the peace for several years.

The mother of his children was Margaret Blain, who was also born in Virginia. They reared ten children.

Of these their son, James Blain Chestnut, was born in Scioto Township of Ross County in 1809, grew up on the home farm and eventually bought the interests of the other heirs to the homestead. He continued an active and prosperous farmer of that community until his death at the age of sixty-three. James B. Chestnut married for his first wife Nancy Ann Truitt, who spent her entire life in Ross County. Her five children were named Daniel, Samuel, Charles, Martha and Philip S. Daniel was a soldier in the Union army and a prisoner of war eighteen months, and afterwards served as court bailiff at Columbus until his death at the age of seventy-seven.

COL. JOHN McDONALD was one of the most conspicuous of the early scouts, explorers, Indian fighters, and settlers of Ross County. A few years ago Dr. J. B. F. Morgan read before the Ross County Historical Society a sketch of Colonel McDonald's career, and that sketch was sub-

sequently published in The Old North West Genealogical Quarterly. It is from this course and manuscript that the following paragraphs concerning this noted pioneer character are drawn.

His paternal grandfather, Thomas McDonald, was born in the Highlands of Scotland, near Lockshin, about the beginning of the eighteenth century. His wife was Henrietta Gray. They died and were buried in their native Highlands about the year 1770, having reared a family of four sons and two daughters, John, Daniel, William and James, and Nancy and Catherine. The sons John and William came to America, John in 1770 and William in 1772.

William McDonald, father of Colonel McDonald, became a resident of the Colony of Pennsylvania. He had married Effie McDonald, who was a daughter of William McDonald and Elizabeth Douglass, both of whom were born, reared and married near Lockshin in the Highlands of Scotland. They also came to America in 1772 and settled in the Colony of Pennsylvania. In a memorandum made in his family bible, Colonel McDonald said: "My father and mother were of the same clan and were distantly related. Their ancestors were herdsmen as far back as tradition gives their history. They, like all the Highland clans were soldiers, always ready to attack for plunder or resist encroachments on their rights. My father was a very active but little man, of violent temper and impetuous in all his pursuits. In his friendship he was kind and as true as the needle to the pole. My mother was a most amiable woman; patient in adversity and affliction in which she was sorely tried. Her confidence in the watchful protection of an Unseen Arm rendered her weak and resigned spirit conspicuous to all who knew her. I believe she was censured or reviled by no man or woman."

William McDonald died on the 4th day of September, 1823, aged seventy-eight years. Just four days later his wife joined him in the realms beyond. Their bodies were laid to rest on Fruit Hill, west of Chillicothe. The ashes of Colonel McDonald's maternal grandparents also commingle with the dust of Fruit Hill, the home of Governor McArthur and of Governor Allen. Colonel McDonald was the oldest in a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters. The sons were John, Thomas, James, William and Hiram. The daughters were Nancy and Henrietta. The sons John, Thomas, James and William distinguished themselves in the War of 1812, while Hiram died in childhood. The daughter Nancy became the wife of Gen. Duncan McArthur, who in after years became governor of Ohio. The daughter Henrietta married Judge Presley Morris.

Col. John McDonald was born January 28, 1775, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, which was then on the border of civilization in an English colony. About 1780 his father moved with the family over the mountains and settled at a point on the Ohio River called Mingo Bottom, about three miles from Steubenville, Ohio. That was the extreme limit of civilization, and in those years there was continuous warfare between the whites and Indians. At the age of five years Colonel McDonald began the education that fitted him for the responsi-

bilities that he so nobly bore in future years. The frequent incursions of the savages upon the homes of the whites taught the youth to court danger. The necessities of the table developed a skill with the rifle that was only equaled by the savage dweller in the wilderness. The labor required to hew out homes in the heavy forests developed the muscles of the boy to their greatest strength in manhood. By dint of industry and never-failing perseverance, John McDonald added to the above qualifications the rudiments of an English education. His boyhood days were spent chopping, grubbing, picking, burning, building cabins to live in and forts for defense; hunting in daytime to furnish meat for the table, and standing sentinel at night to give warning to the family in case of a raid from the Indians.

About 1790 the McDonald family moved to Kentucky, which at that time was a continental battleground between the whites and Indians. Simon Kenton, the celebrated frontiersman, was a resident of the community in which the McDonalds located. Though twenty years older than McDonald, a strong attachment sprung up between the two. McDonald was a lad just to the liking of the adventurer, and they were most constant companions. It was with the daring Kenton that McDonald made his first incursion against Indians. He was solicited to join a company being organized by Kenton to avenge the death of a couple of hunters who had been killed, but his father forbade him going. His eagerness was so intense that he disregarded his father's will and secretly took a rifle from the cabin and joined in the chase. After that he was constantly employed, scouting, hunting and surveying. As surveyor he engaged in the most dangerous calling to which the frontiersman was exposed. Writing of others and not of himself, McDonald has left some detailed accounts of early exploring expeditions on the frontier. He says: "Men not only placed their lives in peril every day, every day they were in the country of the savages, but every hour; every moment had to be guarded with the strictest precision. Their food consisted alone of what the forest afforded. No tent to shelter them from the pelting of the rain or protect them from the blast of the merciless winds; no ambulance to carry the wounded, no hospital to receive the sick, no surgeon to stop the ebbing tide. All this done for the paltry sum of seventy-five cents a day. But the adventure, the daring, the captivity, the dying at the stake of noble men seemed to be necessary for the development of the wilderness with its savage wigwams into a settlement covered with beautiful homes."

In the spring of 1792 McDonald joined Gen. Nathaniel Massie's settlement at Manchester, on the Ohio River. He accompanied Massie and his men on many surveying tours and was engaged in several contests with the savage foe. One of his early experiences with the Indians occurred within the limits of what is now Ross County. Doctor Morgan himself heard the story told from the lips of Colonel McDonald, and the following account of the tragic incident is quoted by Doctor Morgan from another source: "Early in the month of November Lucas Sullivan, a land speculator and surveyor from Virginia, collected a com-

pany of twenty-one men to go on a surveying tour in the Scioto country : notwithstanding the Indians had been severely beaten by General Wayne a few months previously, yet the country was far from being in a state of peace. Attached to this country were three surveyors—John and Nathaniel Beasley and Sullivant. McDonald was connected with this company. Every man carried his own baggage and arms which consisted of rifle, tomahawk and scalping knife. Having taken Todd's trace, they pursued their journey until they came to Pink Creek at the old crossing ; from thence they proceeded to Old Chillicothe, now Frankfort, and thence on to Deer Creek where they camped at the mouth of Hay Run. This is a point about two miles southeast of Clarksburg and about six hundred yards north of Brown's Chapel in Deerfield township.

“In the morning Sullivant, McDonald, Colven and Murray were selected as hunters for the day. They started down towards the mouth of the creek intending to take its meanderings back to camp. They had not proceeded more than a hundred rods when a flock of turkeys came flying towards them and alighted on the trees above them. McDonald and Murray were on the bank of the creek near a pile of driftwood. Murray having no thought that the turkeys might have been frightened by Indians stepped up to a tree and shot a turkey. He then stepped back under cover from the turkeys and McDonald took the position left by his companion. He was taking aim when the crack of a rifle greeted his ear. He whirled on his heel in time to see his companion fall to rise no more. Looking in the direction from which the messenger of death came he saw several Indians with their rifles leveled at him. As quick as thought he sprang over the bank into the creek, when they fired but missed. The Indians now resolved to take him prisoner. Their entire company made pursuit. For the distance of a hundred yards or so the land was open and gave the Indians a fair chance to measure speed with the young athlete. McDonald succeeded in reaching a thicket of undergrowth which gave him protection long enough to allow him to gather his wind. The thicket was too small to allow him to make his escape unobserved. He was driven from his hiding place into the open timber, and was compelled again to call his brave legs into action. Now was a race for life. The Indians were close upon him with the young athlete in the lead, the entire company yelling like demons incarnate. For some moments McDonald imagined that he could feel the Indians' hands grabbing at his collar. Finally he cast his eyes about him and found that his pursuers were trying a flank movement upon him and he also learned that he had gained several rods upon them. The object of his pursuers was to chase him into a fallen tree top and there make sure of their capture. They succeeded in driving him to the tree top, but no doubt they were greatly chagrined to see him make a single bound and clear every limb of the fallen tree alighting safely upon the other side. This so astonished the Indians that they stood for a moment in amazement. This short halt put McDonald safely in the lead in the chase, but he was not out of reach of the rifles. The Indians again took up the pursuit, firing as they ran. Several balls whizzed

closely by, but failed to disable the desired captive. At this juncture he met Sullivant and three others of the company. Sullivant immediately threw away his compass but clung to his rifle. Their only safety was in rapid flight. The Indians were too numerous to encounter. As they ran the Indians fired upon them, one of the balls striking Colven's cue at the tie, which shocked him so much that he thought himself mortally wounded; but he succeeded in making his escape and ran up the creek and gave alarm at the camp, stating that he believed all were killed but himself. Those at the camp fled as soon as possible. McDonald and his party ran across the highland and after running three miles struck a prairie. Casting their eyes over it they saw four Indians along the trace. They thought of running around the prairie and heading them off; but not knowing how soon those in pursuit would be upon them, and perchance they would be between two fires, they adopted the better part of valor and hid themselves in the grass until the Indians were out of sight. After remaining there some time they went to camp and found it deserted.

"Just as they were about to leave the camp they found a note in a split stick saying 'if you come follow the trail.' It was then sundown and they knew that they would not be able to follow the trail after night. When night came on they steered their course by starlight. They had traveled the distance of seven or eight miles. It was a cold dreary night and the leaves being frozen the sound of their footsteps could be heard some distance. All at once they heard something break and run as if it was a herd of buffaloes. At this they halted and remained silent for some time. They finally returned cautiously to their fires. Supposing that it might be their companions, McDonald and McCormac concluded that they would creep up slowly and see. They advanced until they could hear them cracking hazel nuts with their teeth. They also heard them whisper to one another but could not tell whether they were Indians or white men. They cautiously returned to Sullivant and after consultation concluded that they would call which they did and found to their joy that it was their friends and companions who had fled from them. They had mutual rejoicings, but poor Murray was left a prey to the Indians and wolves. They now commenced their journey homeward and after three days travel reached Manchester."

Doctor Morgan also relates another incident of Colonel McDonald's experience as surveyor. This was in the spring of 1795, when General Massie headed a party of surveyors from Manchester. This became known in local history as the "Starving Tour." There had been unusual weather conditions for some days, and there was crust on the snow sufficiently strong to bear the weight of wild game, but men would break through. This practically prevented hunting or pursuit of game, and the party was almost at the limit of starvation before a change of weather occurred and game could be found to satisfy their ravenous appetites. After relating the incidents of the tour, Colonel McDonald introduced what was unusual to him, a personal testimony. He added:

"The writer of this narrative accompanied General Massie on this

tour and had previously passed through many trying scenes; but the hardships and privations of this tour were the most trying to the firmness, resolution and fortitude of the men that we ever saw or experienced. Only reflect on the critical condition of twenty-eight men, exposed to the horrors of a terrible snow storm in the wilderness, without hut, tent or covering; and what was more appalling, without provision, without any road or track to retreat on, and nearly 100 miles from any friendly aid or place of shelter, exposed to the truly tremendous and pitiless pelting of the storm of four days continuance, and you can fancy to yourselves some faint idea of the suffering of the party."

In 1794 Colonel McDonald and his brother Thomas joined General Wayne's army as rangers or spies. It was the duty of this company to traverse the Indian country in every direction in advance of the main army. The most daring and intrepid men were selected for this company. Upon their bravery and skill as Indian warriors depended the success of General Wayne's army. McDonald proved to be a man of unquestionable bravery and skill and had a combination of qualities that made him a valuable member of General Wayne's advance guard. One of his biographers says that Colonel McDonald under the leadership of Massie and Sullivant traversed the whole of the Virginia Military District and located thousands of acres of land, while the Indians were roaming the forests and living in permanent villages on the banks of the various streams. He had a thorough knowledge of Indian habits and tactics. Daring, yet cautious, trained to habits of self denial and hard labor, he had nerves that never quivered in the presence of danger. He was courageous enough to attempt any task imposed, and was prudent and judicious enough to conduct it to a successful close.

In 1796 he accompanied General Massie's colony to the Scioto Valley and assisted in establishing the first settlement on the waters of the Scioto River. He assisted in surveying and laying out the first capital of Ohio, Chillicothe, and afterwards assisted in razing the forests to the ground, preparatory to erecting the beautiful homes in town and country of which the present generation so justly boast.

The most important event of his life occurred on the 5th day of February, 1799. On that day he married Catharine Cutright, who became his guardian angel. She proved a most faithful and devoted wife. She underwent the hardships of a frontier life with a bravery that was unexcelled. They were employed in the various vocations to be found in the infant settlement until 1802, when they purchased a tract of land on Poplar Ridge, Ross County, and converted it into their future home, where they dwelt for half a century.

At the time of his marriage the brunt of the struggle for implanting civilization in the great Northwest had been passed. The days of greatest danger were gone. He and his companions who had been in the very front of the advance guard now began to reap pleasures and benefits of a life of peace which their labors had made possible. It is pleasant to know that some of the men who endured the hardships of frontier life, who served in the army, who assisted in the surveys of the rich valley

and rolling uplands and otherwise prepared the way for the advancement of civilization, found in the land over which they had marched and fought and dared hidden dangers, happy homes and comfort in their declining years.

To the marriage of John McDonald and Catharine Cutright were born six daughters and one son. The late Ex-Senator John C. McDonald was the youngest child. Senator McDonald died near the old homestead in July, 1905, aged eighty-five. About fifty grandchildren were the result of the marriages of the children of Colonel McDonald. Many other descendants in subsequent generations are still living.

After the time of danger had passed and Colonel McDonald was settled to the peaceful vocations of his farm, he was accorded the recognition which his valuable work and strong character entitled him to. Several times he was elected justice of the peace, and served as military officer, being captain, major, lieutenant-colonel and colonel. When the War of 1812 broke out he enlisted as a volunteer in the First Ohio Regiment. His well known skill and bravery again placed him in the front of danger. As soon as the regiment reached the enemy's country he was detailed as a spy, and was soon afterward appointed quartermaster and paymaster of his regiment. He continued to perform those duties until the surrender of the army by General Hull. He was made a prisoner at the surrender at Detroit. In 1813, having been exchanged, he was made a captain in the regular army, and in 1814 was in command of a regiment at Detroit. He remained in the service until peace was declared in 1813 and the army disbanded.

He then returned to civil life. In 1817 he was elected to the State Senate, in which capacity he served two terms. In 1834, when nearly sixty years of age, Colonel McDonald began writing reminiscences of the first settlements along the Ohio and its tributaries, and also began preparing the book that he called McDonald's Sketches. This book consisted of biographical sketches of General Duncan McArthur, Gen. Nathaniel Massie, Capt. William Wells and Gen. Simon Kenton.

To this work he devoted much time. As he was not an educated man the labor was very great. No task of this kind had ever before been undertaken by a frontiersman. He was the only pioneer of the Virginia Military District who attempted to record in historical form the deeds of his comrades on the frontier. In giving a history of the four individuals above mentioned he painted a magnificent pen picture of the settlements of the western wilderness. A large portion of the information found in Howe's History of Ohio and also the History of the Great West by the same author, was compiled from the manuscript of this old pioneer. Much of his original manuscript has been entirely lost. It was borrowed by Benson J. Lossing, the historian, with the privilege of selecting such as he might want to use and with the promise that all should be returned. Instead of its being returned it was all lost. In this manuscript much history that today would have been greatly appreciated by the present generation was lost.

One of McDonald's biographers said: "It was impossible for McDon-

ald to have been an educated man, and hence his writings have not the ease and grace of a cultured literary style; but he was a man of strong vigorous mind; he had much to say; it was a labor of love to relate the adventures of his old comrades in arms, the pioneers of Southern Ohio; and in his own way he told the story of their lives and left a lasting monument to their memories. He was very modest as an author and was reticent in regard to himself in a degree that has been regretted by all his readers. His personal knowledge of all the scenes which he has depicted and his participation in the adventures he has described, is often only suggested by the author's graphic style and minute attention to detail. Considering the slow and painstaking labor of composition which his sketches published in book form and in newspaper press must have cost the writer, his task was an immense one. Contemplating of the difficulty of production, the reader's feeling of gratitude is increased and the admiration for the sturdy pioneer author intensified. It was not ambition that led to this frontiersman's employment of the pen in his old days, but the desire to save from oblivion the record of the hardships through which the early explorer passed, the sterling traits of character they possessed, and perhaps to revive in his memory the faces and the manners of those who had been the companions of his young manhood's days."

Colonel McDonald spent his declining years in his home on Poplar Ridge, Ross County. He devoted much time to reading the current news and writing for various newspapers. In his last years his eyes became inflamed by constant use and for many years before death he was entirely blind. On the 11th of September, 1853, he anchored his bark in that distant harbor where the blinded eye is restored to sight by the benign rays of the eternal sun.

JESSE B. MALLOW. Half a dozen generations of the Mallow family have been identified with Ross County. It is one of the oldest names in Concord Township, where it was established more than a century ago. Few families have contributed more to the substantial progress and betterment of Ross County than the Mallows.

Their record begins with Adam Mallow Sr., who was born in Pendleton County, Virginia, about 1750. His was a somewhat remarkable career. When he was about six years of age he and his mother were captured by Indians. They were taken as captives south to the vicinity of New Orleans. They endured all the horrors of Indian captivity for six years. Finally Adam was returned as an exchanged prisoner. He was a young man when the colonies began the struggle for independence, and in the ranks of the Virginia troops he played a valiant part in that war. For many years after the revolution he continued farming and planting in Pendleton County. In 1806 he came with his family, including his son Adam, to Ohio. At that time the barrier of the Allegheny Mountains was unbroken by any highway except the old National Road, and the family made the journey over the rough trails and traces with wagons and teams. After much difficulty they located

in Ross County, and since that year the name has been one of prominence in this section of Ohio. Adam Mallow, Sr., married Sarah Bush, who was also a native of Virginia. His death occurred in Ross County in 1840 and his widow survived him and passed away at the age of ninety-seven years.

Adam Mallow, Jr., was born in Pendleton County, Virginia, in 1778, while the Revolutionary war was still in progress. He was a young married man of twenty-eight years when he came to Ross County and located in Concord Township. There he bought land and was not only a sturdy farmer but a citizen of recognized prominence. When the War of 1812 broke out he joined the United States forces and rose to the rank of major. After that war Major Mallow continued farming until his death on August 11, 1834. Major Mallow married Phoebe Dice, who died three weeks after her husband. Their nine children were named John, Rebecca, Catherine, Simon, Jesse, Sarah, Delilah, and Gilead.

Simon Mallow, grandfather of Jesse B. Mallow, was born on the old homestead in Concord Township in 1810. He proved a man of great industry and made a conspicuous success as the manager of his farming interests. He acquired extensive tracts of land in Ross County, and spent all his life in Concord Township. His wife's name was Malinda.

Adam G. Mallow, who represented the next generation, was born in Concord Township April 6, 1837. He grew up on a farm and made farming and stock raising his regular vocation. He acquired more than local note as a breeder of Shorthorn cattle and was one of the men who introduced some of the best of that stock in Ross County. His animals were awarded many first prizes in competition with the best herds in the country. He was also prominent in local affairs, and for twenty years served as a member of the township board of trustees. His death occurred August 12, 1892. Adam G. Mallow married Jennie Galbraith, a daughter of Dr. Robert and Margaret (Scofield) Galbraith. She died in 1890. Her children were two sons: Jesse B. and Edgar. Edgar is a physician in active practice at Dayton, Ohio.

Jesse B. Mallow, who represents the fifth successive generation of the family in Ross County, was born on his father's farm in Concord Township August 12, 1870. After graduating from the Frankfort High School he spent two years in the agricultural department of the Ohio State University at Columbus. His father then gave him two hundred acres of land and he immediately applied his theoretical knowledge in a practical way as a farmer and stock raiser. He has also done a great deal of feeding and buying and selling of livestock, and has conducted his enterprises on a very large scale, thus contributing to Ross County's enviable position among the agricultural centers of Ohio. Mr. Mallow now owns 1,200 acres of choice farm land in Concord Township. His home is one of the finest residences in Frankfort.

He is also a well known financier, and for several years was vice president of the Merchants and Farmers Bank at Frankfort. After

becoming one of the organizers of the Commercial Bank of that town in 1912, he took the post of vice president and still fills that position. Mr. Mallow served as senator of the fifth and sixth districts, consisting of Ross, Fayette, Green, Clinton and Highland Counties. He affiliates with the republican party. Fraternally Mr. Mallow is affiliated with Frankfort Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Chillicothe Chapter No. 9, Royal Arch Masons, Chillicothe Council Royal and Select Masons, and Chillicothe Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar, and is a Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree, and also a Shriner at Dayton.

In 1890 Mr. Mallow married Nannie James, a daughter of Strawder and Rebecca (Bush) James. Her grandfathers were Reuben James and Jacob Bush. Mr. and Mrs. Mallow have reared two children, Eula and Adam G. Eula is the wife of Doctor Smith of Frankfort and they have a daughter named Lillian. Doctor Smith's Grandfather Byron Lutz served in the Senate two terms. Adam G. Mallow married Lizzie Peterson, and their son is named Jesse B., Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Mallow are active members of the Presbyterian Church.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS. Especially worthy of mention in a work of this character is Joseph Williams, a veteran of the Civil war, and a highly respected resident of Chillicothe, who, having accomplished a satisfactory work as a farmer, is now living retired from active business. A son of Robert Lee Carter Williams, he was born April 23, 1842, in Springfield Township, Ross County, Ohio. His paternal grandfather, John Williams, was of English ancestry, and a life-long resident of Virginia, where he followed the trade of a carpenter. One of his sons, James, settled permanently in Gainesboro, Tennessee; another son served for a long period in the United States navy; and another son was a sailor, engaged in the merchant marine service.

Born and reared in Orange County, Virginia, Robert Lee Carter Williams learned the shoemaker's trade at a time when all footwear was made to order, by hand, before the establishment of shoe factories. Leaving his native state in 1830, he and his two brothers-in-law, Washington Peecher and Samuel Partlow, came with their families to Ohio, making the entire journey overland, with teams, and bringing all of their worldly goods with them. The party forded the river at Galliopolis, and for a time after coming to Ohio Robert L. C. Williams lived near Schooley's Station. Removing to Springfield Township, Ross County, he located on land belonging to his father-in-law, and there in addition to farming he worked at his trade to some extent, making shoes to order, living there until 1857. Going in that year to Pickaway County, he resided in the vicinity of Kinderhook for a time, and on his return to Ross County settled in Union Township, where his death occurred in the seventy-third year of his age. The maiden name of his wife was Nancy Partlow. She was born in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, a daughter of John Partlow, a native of Virginia, born of English ancestry. The owner of a large plantation, which he operated many years with slave labor, John Partlow sold his landed estate in 1834, and, coming to Ohio,

freed his slaves. Purchasing several tracts of land in Ross County, he subsequently resided here until his death, making his home with his children. Mr. Partlow married Mildred Ballinger, who spent her entire life in Virginia, dying in 1833. She reared two sons, Daniel and Samuel, and three daughters.

Mrs. Nancy (Partlow) Williams died November 19, 1879, aged seventy-six years. To her and her husband, seven children were born, as follows: John M.; Sarah; Ursula; Joseph, the subject of this brief personal narrative; Orland; David M.; and Jeremiah. John M. enlisted twice for service in the Civil war; he first joined the Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and while scouting in Virginia was severely wounded, and honorably discharged from the service. Recovering his strength, he enlisted in the Twelfth Ohio Cavalry, and continued with his company until the close of the war. Orland enlisted for a period of three months in an independent company.

As a boy and youth Joseph Williams attended the rural schools when opportunity offered, between sessions assisting in the care of the farm, being thus engaged when the tocsin of war rang throughout the land. In 1862 he enlisted in Company G, Sixtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and continued with his regiment in all of its engagements until honorably discharged from the service, March 10, 1864. Mr. Williams again enlisted, in June, 1864, in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with his command went first to Kentucky, and thence to Knoxville, Tennessee. In the fall of 1864, he was sent out with a foraging party into the Powell Valley, in Southwest Virginia, and there being captured by the enemy was held a prisoner-of-war for three days and nights. Mr. Williams and two of his companions dug under the cabin walls, and made their escape. They separated immediately after getting out of their prison, and Mr. Williams never again heard from the others. He, however, made his way through the darkness to a small cabin occupied by a negro, who gave him some corn bread, the first morsel of food which he had tasted since his capture. The negro then piloted him across the mountains, and at daybreak Mr. Williams hid in the top of a tree, where the negro left him, promising to send him another guide. About nine o'clock he heard firing, which he felt sure was from his own side of the army, and starting in the direction from which the sound came he reached a Union camp in about two hours. Mr. Williams was then sent to Knoxville by train, and subsequently remained with his command, which he there rejoined, until after the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge in June, 1865.

Returning home, Mr. Williams worked as a farm hand for two years. In 1867, desirous of establishing himself as an independent farmer, he bought a team and some agricultural implements, rented a tract of land, and began work on his own account. Very successful in his undertakings, he bought, in 1875, a farm lying near Andersonville, and for more than thirty-five years managed it with the same systematic skill and enterprise that he had previously shown in his work, making many and valuable improvements on the place. This farm, which he still owns, he

occupied until 1911, when he removed to Chillicothe, where he is now living, retired from active labor.

Mr. Williams married first, in 1872, Mary E. Thompson, who was born in Ross County, a daughter of John and Maria (Anderson) Thompson. She died in 1879, leaving one daughter, Viola, wife of Jacob Pabst. In 1886 Mr. Williams married for his second wife Nora C. Michael, who was born in Union Township, Ross County, a daughter of John and Catherine (Hauser) Michael. Of this union two children have been born, namely: Selora and Joseph C. Selora married Grover C. Stout, and they have two children, George Williams and Bernice Catherine. Completing the course of study in the district schools of Union Township, and in the public schools of Chillicothe, Joseph was graduated from the Chillicothe Business College, and has now a position as bookkeeper.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are both members of the Union Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church at Andersonville. Mr. Williams was a charter member of the W. H. Lutz Post, No. 338, Grand Army of the Republic, of which there are now but four surviving members, and served as chaplain during the existence of the organization. Although not a politician in the accepted sense of the term, he has filled various offices of trust and responsibility in the township, having been supervisor of roads, a member of the school board, and for a number of years was justice of the peace.

GEORGE BORST, JR. A well-known and prosperous business man of Chillicothe, George Borst, Jr., holds high rank among the self-made men of our times, his success in life being entirely due to his patient industry, forethought, and wisdom in taking advantage of every offered opportunity for advancing his material interests. A son of George Borst, Sr., he was born December 16, 1858, in Chillicothe, of German ancestry, his paternal grandparents having been life-long residents of the fatherland, although two of their sons, John and George, emigrated to America.

John Borst located in Ross County, Ohio, soon after his arrival in this country, and for a number of years thereafter was in business as a farmer and livestock dealer. He subsequently removed to Kansas, and there spent the closing years of his life.

George Borst, Sr., was born and educated in Bruchsal, Baden, Germany, where he spent his early life. In 1852, accompanied by his five children, he came in a sailing vessel to this country, being ninety days in crossing the broad Atlantic. From New York, where he landed, he proceeded by rail to Cleveland, thence by canal to Chillicothe, and here he was variously employed until his death, in his eighty-fifth year. The five children that he brought with him were as follows: Jacob, John, Magdalena, Anna, and Kate, all of whom completed their education in this city. Although not of military age when the breaking out of the Civil war occurred, the two sons offered their services to their adopted country, Jacob enlisting in the Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and John, who lost his life in the Battle of Murfreesboro, becoming a member of the Sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. After coming to Chilli-

cothe, George Borst, Sr., married for his second wife Catherine Schaeffer, a native of Germany. Her father, John Schaeffer, came from his native country to the United States with his family, and for many years was engaged in general farming in Huntington Township, Ross County, although his last days were spent in Chillicothe. By his second marriage, George Borst, Sr., became the father of five children, also, namely: George, Clara, Mary, Fred, and Caroline.

George Borst, Jr., first attended the parochial schools, later completing his early studies in the public schools of Chillicothe. Beginning life as a wage-earner at the age of thirteen years, his first employment was in a truck garden. Giving up that work, he entered the employ of Henry Sulzbacher, a merchant tailor, and after serving as a general utility boy for a time entered the tailoring department, and there became proficient at the tailor's trade. Mr. Borst subsequently continued with Mr. Sulzbacher until 1898, when he resigned his position to embark in the coal business, with which he has since been actively and successfully identified, having built up a substantial and profitable trade in the city.

Mr. Borst married, in 1882, Anna J. Sommers, who was born in Chillicothe, a daughter of Henry and Caroline (Albright) Sommers, who came from Germany to Ohio, locating in Chillicothe. Louine, the only child born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Borst, died when but two years and six months old. Active in municipal affairs, Mr. Borst has rendered excellent service as a public official, having been a member of the board of equalization, and for three years was president of the city council. Fraternally he is a member of Logan Tribe No. 9, Improved Order of Red Men.

FREDERICK ENDERLE. A well-known resident of Chillicothe, Frederick A. Enderle is an industrious, wide-awake man, who, by means of thrift and wise investments of his money, has acquired considerable wealth. He now owns and occupies the old Cross Keys Tavern, one of the oldest houses in the State of Ohio, and a place of historical interest. A native of Ross County, he was born, November 23, 1866, in a log house, in Scioto Township, of German ancestry.

Alois Enderle, his father, was born May 22, 1825, in Baden, Germany, where his parents spent their entire lives. With two of his sisters, Barbara Ender and Katherine Hanks, he came to this country in 1864, and located in Scioto Township. After working for a while at various employments, he accepted a position as stationary engineer at Harmon's tannery, and retained it for twenty-six consecutive years, having been very faithful in the discharge of his duties. He died May 24, 1914. His wife, whose maiden name was Francisco Kohler, was born in Baden, Germany, and died in Ross County, in June, 1896, leaving five children, as follows: Frederick A., the special subject of this sketch; Peter; Elizabeth; Joseph; and Alois.

Acquiring his education in the parochial schools, Frederick Enderle learned the barber's trade when young, and followed it as a journeyman for thirty-nine years. In 1894 he established himself in business at

Chillicothe, where he has continued until the present time, his success having been assured from the first. In 1898 Mr. Enderle purchased the Cross Keys Tavern property, situated on the northwest corner of High and Arch streets. The property at that time consisted of the old tavern, a house containing seven large rooms, and an old barn. The lot had a frontage of 66 feet on High Street, and of 198 feet on Arch Street. The house had become dilapidated from ill usage, and scarce fit for habitation.

Mr. Enderle has since placed it in thorough repair, and in addition to installing modern improvements and conveniences, has put on a spacious veranda, and added four rooms. He has also built an 8-room modern house on the rear of the lot, a 7-room house on High Street, and a double 16-room house on Arch Street.

The Cross Keys Tavern was built as early as 1800, and was owned and conducted by William Key, who placed in front of the building two large keys, crossed. During the War of 1812, 600 prisoners were confined at one time on the hotel property. Federal soldiers encamped on the banks of the Scioto, and it is related that a soldier lad, about nineteen years old, came one day to the hotel, intending to return to the camp at night. But the proprietor, telling the boy he had business at the garrison the next day, prevailed upon him to remain over night and go back with him to the garrison the next morning. There was then a standing offer of \$50 for deserters, and the tavern-keeper on reaching the camp turned over as a deserter the young soldier, who was later shot.

It has been authoritatively stated that the first Constitution in the State of Ohio was written by Mike Baldwin in the barroom of the Cross Keys Tavern, on the head of a whiskey barrel, the writer using a wine cask for a seat.

Mr. Enderle married, November 28, 1894, Julia Zander, a native of Scioto Township. Her father, Martin Zander, was born in 1824, in Bavaria, Germany, and was there reared and educated. Three of his sisters, Mrs. John Entrest, Mrs. Andrew Orth, and Mrs. Philip Bohm, came to America in early life, and he, too, came when young to this country. He lived first in Chillicothe, later entering the employ of Governor Worthington, at Adena, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1868. The maiden name of the wife of Martin Zander was Frances Merkle. She was born in Baden, Germany, the birthplace of her father, Michael Merkle, who emigrated with his family to Ohio, locating in Chillicothe, where he reared his five children, Frances, August, Michael, William, and Magdalena. Mrs. Zander died at the age of eighty-six years, leaving five children, as follows: Joseph; Josephine; James; Martin; and Julia, now Mrs. Enderle.

Mr. and Mrs. Enderle have two children, Edwin and Helen. He and his family are active and faithful members of St. Peter's Church. Mr. Enderle is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters; of the Knights of St. George; and of the Order of Eagles; and of St. Ignatius Men's Society. Mrs. Enderle is a member of the Catholic Ladies of Columbus.

LUTHER B. YAPLE. Worthy of special mention in this volume is Luther B. Yapple, of Chillicothe, who has gained distinction not only as a successful lawyer, but as a practical and progressive horticulturist, owning one of the largest orchards in Ross County. He was born September 12, 1865, in Colerain Township, Ross County, Ohio, on the same farm on which the birth of his father, Aaron D. Yapple, occurred, April 19, 1837. He is a descendant in the fifth generation of the immigrant ancestor, Philip Yapple, a native of Germany, where the surname was spelled "Jebel," the line of descent being through John, Sr., John, Jr., Aaron D., and Luther B.

Emigrating to America in colonial days, Philip Yapple located in Pennsylvania, becoming an early settler of the Wyoming Valley. Enlisting in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war, he was absent from his home at the time of the Wyoming massacre, in July, 1778. Subsequently removing to New York State, he settled on Lake Ithaca in pioneer days, and having purchased land was there a resident until his death.

John Yapple, Sr., was born in the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, in that part of Berks County that is now included in Lebanon County, in 1765. Accompanying the family to New York, he subsequently settled in Danby, not far from Ithaca, taking up land, and engaging in farming. About 1812, accompanied by his family, he came to Ohio, crossing the intervening country with teams, and bringing all of his worldly possessions with him. He first located in the Scioto Valley, near Circleville, where but little of the land had then been improved, and owing to the bad drainage malaria was very prevalent. Leaving the fertile lands of the valley on that account, he came to Ross County, and having purchased a tract of heavily timbered land in what is now Colerain Township built a log cabin in the wilderness, being particular to locate near a spring. There having been neither railroads, canals or convenient markets at that early day, he in common with his neighbors, which were few and far between, lived on the products of the land or the wild game found in the vicinity, all of the sugar used being made from the sap of the maple trees. The farmers raised sheep and flax, and the energetic women of the household were accustomed to card, spin and weave, and make all of the clothing worn by the family. Clearing quite a tract of his land, he lived there until his death, in November, 1846. He married Rachel Dupay, who was born in Wyoming, Pennsylvania, July 30, 1770, and died March 18, 1842, on the home farm.

John Yapple, Jr., grandfather of Luther B., was born in Danby, Tompkins County, New York, near Ithaca, May 24, 1801, and after coming with his parents to Ross County attended the district schools, and as soon as able to be of use assisted in clearing the land. He became an expert in the art of making shingles, all of which were rived by hand, and also shaped in the same manner. Succeeding to the ownership of the parental homestead, he added to the improvements already made by erecting substantial frame buildings, and there continued as a farmer until his death, in October, 1876. His wife, whose maiden name was

Laura Morse, was born in Litchfield County, Connecticut, January 14, 1804, and died on the home farm, in Colerain Township, in April, 1890.

Aaron D. Yaple spent his entire life on the farm where his birth occurred, he having inherited the land from his father. Industrious and enterprising, he carried on general farming successfully, and in addition was engaged to a considerable extent in the growing of fruit. He lived to a good old age, passing away September 15, 1914. The maiden name of his wife was Henrietta Black, who still occupies the Yaple homestead. She was born, in October, 1843, in Colerain Township, being one of the seven children of the late Caleb Black, who married Sarah Parks. Mr. Black was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish ancestors, and as a young man migrated to Colerain Township, where he bought land, and was thenceforward engaged in tilling the soil. Three children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron D. Yaple, namely: Luther B., the subject of this brief sketch; Alice, wife of Allen Cupp; and Pearl, living with her widowed mother.

Having gleaned his first knowledge of books in the rural schools, Luther B. Yaple afterwards attended the Circleville High School and the Otterbein University, in Westerville, Ohio. He was subsequently employed as a teacher in Colerain Township for three years, during which time he turned his attention to the study of law, reading at home under the instruction of Judge Alfred Yaple, of Cincinnati. On October 6, 1887, Mr. Yaple was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court, and in July, 1888, began the practice of his profession in Chillicothe, where he has built up a large and lucrative clientage. In 1898 Mr. Yaple purchased a farm lying two miles west of the Chillicothe courthouse, and has since taken active interest in its improvements. When it came into his possession it had an orchard containing 7,000 fruit trees, including apple, pear, peach and cherry trees. The farm had been previously rented, and the fruit trees had been sadly neglected. He immediately turned his attention to the care of the orchard, and has since replaced all of the peach and pear trees with apple trees, and now has a fine orchard of 7,500 apple trees, all in a bearing condition. He raises a variety of apples, including the Rome Beauty, Jonathan, Mann, Grimes Golden, and Ben Davis, all of which find a ready sale in both the southern and western markets.

On January 27, 1897, Mr. Yaple was united in marriage with Etta F. Roach, who was born in Madison County, Ohio, October 9, 1871. Her father, Reuben W. Roach, was born on a farm in Gallia County, Ohio, where his parents, Simeon and Phebe (Koontz) Roach, natives of Virginia, were pioneer settlers. In early manhood he embarked in farming in Madison County, from there removing to Scioto Township, Ross County, and later taking up his residence in Chillicothe, where his widow, whose maiden name was Mary Workman, still resides. Her parents, Lewis and Nareissus (Worley) Workman, natives of Belmont County, Ohio, spent their last years in Chillicothe. Mr. and Mrs. Yaple have three children, John, Virginia, and Philip. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Yaple are members of the Episcopal Church, in which he is serving

as vestryman. Socially Mr. Yapple was one of the founders of the Sunset Club, of which he is a charter member.

FRANK L. GIBBS, M. D. For nearly a score of years actively engaged in the practice of medicine at Chillicothe, Frank L. Gibbs, M. D., has met with unquestioned success in his chosen work, and well deserves the reputation which he has won of being one of the most skilful and faithful physicians in the city. He was born in Salem, Columbiana County, Ohio, a son of John H. Gibbs.

Lewis Gibbs, the doctor's grandfather, a native of Norristown, Pennsylvania, served as a lieutenant in the Union army during the Civil war. Previous to his enlistment, he had been engaged in the iron business at Niles, Trumbull County, and after the war was similarly employed at New Lisbon. Moving from Ohio to Pennsylvania, he spent the closing years of his long and useful life at Phoenixville, Chester County. He married Miss Ophelia Fields, who died at her home in Phoenixville, at the advanced age of ninety years.

John H. Gibbs was born in New Lisbon, the county seat of Columbiana County, Ohio, and there learned the trade of a machinist. Offering his services to his country in 1864, he enlisted in Company —, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained until receiving his honorable discharge at the expiration of his term of enlistment. Returning to his native county, he resumed work at his trade in Salem, where he is still residing. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Heacock, was born in Salem, a daughter of Jeremiah and Dorothy Heacock, both of whom lived to be quite old, Mr. Heacock dying at the age of eighty-six years, and Mrs. Heacock at the age of eighty-nine years. Mr. Heacock was one of the old-time stage drivers of Columbiana County, and Doctor Gibbs has the horn with which he used to herald his approach to a town. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gibbs are the parents of two children, the doctor, and Bessie, who is cashier in a dry goods establishment at Salem.

After his graduation from the Salem High School with the class of 1890, Frank L. Gibbs was for three years a bookkeeper in the office of the Mullins Architectural Sheet Metal Company. Desirous of entering the medical profession, he studied under the tutorship of Doctor Thompson, in Salem, and then entered the Pulte Medical College, at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1896. Immediately locating in Chillicothe, Doctor Gibbs opened an office on Second Street, and has since been actively and prosperously engaged in the practice of his profession in this city, having built up a large and lucrative patronage.

Doctor Gibbs married, in 1906, Mrs. Elizabeth (Harman) Ruhrah, who was born in Chillicothe, a daughter of Fletcher D. and Joanna Harman, and widow of Edward P. Ruhrah. The doctor is a member of the Ohio State Homeopathic Society, and of the American Institute of Homeopathy. Fraternally he is a member of Scioto Lodge No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Chillicothe Chapter No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; of Chillicothe Council No. 6, Royal and Select Masters;

of Chillicothe Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar; of Chillicothe Camp, No. 4111, Modern Woodmen of America, of which he was clerk for twelve years; and of Chillicothe Aerie, No. 600, of which he is physician. For four years he served as county coroner.

ELMON R. TERRY. Courteous, painstaking and accommodating, Elmon R. Terry, of Chillicothe, is one of the best county clerks Ross County ever had, and its clerks have always been capable and efficient, the affairs of his office being administered so wisely, conscientiously and thoroughly as to meet with the approval of all concerned. A son of John C. Terry, he was born January 10, 1878, on a farm in Jackson County, Ohio.

His paternal grandfather, Paul Terry, a native of Ontario, Canada, migrated to Ohio in pioneer days. Locating in Jackson County, he subsequently married Mary Collins, who was born and reared in that part of the state, and from that time until his death, in 1855, while yet in the prime of life, he was engaged in general farming.

Born in Jackson County, Ohio, near Berlin Cross Roads, May 12, 1843, John C. Terry was but a lad when his father died, and ere reaching his teens was thrown upon his own resources. Industrious and resourceful, he worked at various occupations until the outbreak of the Civil war, when, in 1861, he enlisted in Company D, Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private. Going with his command to Virginia, he served in the Army of the Potomac, to which his regiment was assigned, being under command of Generals McClellan, Hooker and Meade. He was at the front in many of the more noteworthy engagements of the war, including those at Chancellorsville, Antietam and Gettysburg. At the latter battle, on July 4, 1863, he was severely wounded, suffering the loss of a leg. Subsequently honorably discharged on account of physical disability, he returned to Jackson County. A few months later he migrated to Neosho County, Kansas, where he bought land, and was engaged in tilling the soil for six years. Trading that farm for one in his old home county, Jackson County, Ohio, he resided there until 1894, when, removing to Deer Creek Township, in Pickaway County, he bought a farm lying about a mile north of the Ross County line, and occupied it thirteen years. In 1907 he took up his residence at Williamsport, and there lived retired from active pursuits until his death, in 1911.

The maiden name of the wife of John C. Terry was Sidney A. Clark. She was born March 24, 1858, on a farm near Limerick, Jackson County, Ohio, a daughter of David and Clara (Byron) Clark, and granddaughter of Hiram and Sidney (Almira) Clark. Her great-grandfather, Thomas Clark, was born in Virginia, of early English ancestry. Coming to Ohio in the very first years of its settlement, he purchased a tract of timbered land close to the present site of Limerick, and immediately began its improvement. All of that part of the country was then in its virgin wildness, bear, deer, wild turkey, and all other kinds of game native to that section being plentiful, and roaming at will. He built a substantial log house in 1816 in the wilderness, making the nails used in its con-

struction by hand, and riving the boards that covered the roof. Clearing the greater portion of his land, he lived there until his death, at the age of four score years. His wife, whose maiden name was Sidney Van Sky, survived him, passing away at the venerable age of eighty-eight years. Mrs. Sidney (Clark) Terry died September 3, 1895, several years before the death of her husband. She was the mother of seven children, as follows: Elmon R., Blanche, Marcus, Elva, Clyde, Minnie, and Hoyt.

Obtaining his elementary education in the rural schools, Elmon R. Terry was graduated from the Williamsport High School with the class of 1899, and then commenced a professional career, teaching for two years in Woodlyn, and subsequently being similarly employed in different places for six years. In 1906 Mr. Terry came to Chillicothe as secretary for the Charles B. Hurst Company, with which he was associated until June, 1909. In October, 1909, he was made deputy county auditor, and held the position until 1912, when he resigned to make the race for the office of county clerk. Successful in his efforts, he was elected to the position in November, 1912, and served so ably and acceptably that he was reelected in 1914, his continuance in the office as well as his being chosen as the democratic candidate for county auditor on August 8, 1916, are evident proofs of his efficiency.

Mr. Terry married, in 1901, Bessie M. Evans, who was born in Deerfield Township, a daughter of Allen and Roxanna (Bostwick) Evans. Mr. and Mrs. Terry have one child, Clarice Pauline Terry. Politically Mr. Terry is a democrat, and fraternally he is a member of Chillicothe Aerie, No. 600, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Both Mr. and Mrs. Terry are members of the Walnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

HENRY C. TULLEYS, of Bainbridge, Paxton Township, was an honored veteran of the Civil war, having gone from Ross County in early boyhood to fight for the preservation of the Union. He represented one of the oldest families of Ross County and his own career was one of accomplishment and achievement in keeping with his honorable ancestry.

He was born in Bainbridge, Ohio, October 28, 1845, a son of Jacob and Julia A. (Middleton) Tulleys. Both parents were natives of Ohio and his father, who was born in Paxton Township of Ross County in 1800, was a bricklayer and plasterer by trade. He followed that line until his death at Bainbridge. Of the children of these parents, seven in number, five are still living: Rebecca, seventy-three years of age and a maiden lady; Mary, widow of Vincent Vore, and living in Bourneville, Ohio; Henry C., William, of South Salem; and Emma, widow of George W. Gaultney.

In the village of Bainbridge Henry C. Tulleys spent his early days. He attended school during the winter terms until he was about fourteen. At the age of nine he lost his father and thereafter he had to expend his young strength in assisting in the support of the family. Thus his youth was one of considerable privation and with little leisure.

He continued that routine until past sixteen years of age, and then, on July 8, 1862, enlisted in Company H of the Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. That regiment served in the Army of the Tennessee, and participated altogether in about twenty battles. Mr. Tulleys was with his command faithfully and diligently discharging his duties as a soldier until after the close of the war. He received his honorable discharge June 20, 1865, as a corporal.

With the conclusion of his military career he returned to Bainbridge, and then began learning the trade of plasterer and brick layer. He followed the trade for many years and eventually became a contractor and carried out a number of important contracts, including the plaster work in the Fayette County Courthouse.

Finally his health broke down under the continued strain of his business, and in 1887 he left his trade and became clerk for E. C. Rockhold, whom he faithfully served for twenty years, and was the principal man in the business.

In August, 1873, Mr. Tulleys married Margaret A. Miden, who was born in Paxton township of Ross County January 9, 1850. Mrs. Tulleys grew up near Bainbridge, and was of German ancestry in the paternal line. Mr. and Mrs. Tulleys have two sons. Charles E., who was born in 1874 and was educated in the Bainbridge public schools, is now bookkeeper in the Sears & Nichols Canning Company of Chillicothe; by his marriage to Mary C. Cameron he has two children, Grace being a graduate of the high school and a brilliant young musician, and Charles H., who was born February 19, 1909. Frank M., the second son, is a graduate of the local schools and is now route clerk in the postoffice at Greenfield, Ohio.

For many years Mr. Tulleys was closely affiliated with his old comrades of the war. He did much to found and maintain Sergeant McKell Post, No. 42, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was a past commander. He attended many of the state and national encampments of the Grand Army. Politically he was a republican, and his fellow citizens entrusted to him the duties of several local offices. Mr. Tulleys died September 3, 1916.

LOUIS BREHMER. For at least forty years Louis Brehmer has been a factor in local business affairs at Chillicothe, and has gone through all the grades of service from boy clerk in a retail store to executive positions in several of the city's best known commercial establishments. What he has accomplished has been through his individual initiative and ability, and he is highly esteemed in the county seat not only for his accomplishments but for his unquestioned integrity in all his relations.

He was born December 22, 1861, in Ross County, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Scholl) Brehmer. His father was born in Germany, and on coming to America located at Chillicothe, where he followed his trade as a cooper for about twenty years. He finally retired from business and spent his last years in the enjoyment of a well earned competence. Of his seven children, five are still living.

The fifth in order of birth, Louis Brehmer grew up in Chillicothe, obtained a public school education, but when only fifteen years of age found work as clerk in a local grocery store. He spent nine years in that employment, and then turned his competent service and experience to other lines. For two years he was bookkeeper with the Union Shoe Manufacturing Company. In 1910 Mr. Brehmer became one of the active men in charge of McKell & Co.'s large wholesale and retail queensware house at Chillicothe, and has since been manager of the business and also looks after the office and the books of the concern. Besides this connection he is also vice president and treasurer of the Home Telephone Company.

Mr. Brehmer is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has done much in a public spirited way to promote good government especially in his home city. He served four years as a member of the Chillicothe City Council and for one term was president of that body. In politics he is a republican.

Mr. Brehmer married in Chillicothe Miss Clara Phillips. They have one son, Dr. H. Brehmer, who is now a specialist of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and rising young practitioner practicing at Chillicothe.

CLINTON C. RILEY, M. D. An able and skilful physician, the late Clinton C. Riley, M. D., of Chillicothe, devoted his time and energies to the duties of his exacting profession, during his comparatively few years of active practice making rapid strides along the pathway of success. A son of James V. Riley, he was born in 1854, in Huntington Township, Ross County, of pioneer stock.

His paternal grandfather, James Riley, a native of the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, came to the Northwest Territory with Gen. Nathaniel Massie, the original owner of a portion of the land now included within the limits of Chillicothe. Securing a tract of wild land, he improved a homestead, and there spent his remaining days. His wife, whose maiden name was Kittie Dye, was born near Maysville, Kentucky, where her parents, companions of Daniel Boone, were pioneer settlers.

Born in Ross County, Ohio, James V. Riley was reared to agricultural pursuits, and during his early manhood carried on general farming in Huntington Township for two years. Subsequently purchasing land near Massieville, he made a specialty of raising small fruits, being one of the first to cultivate strawberries for the market. He succeeded in that branch of horticulture, which he continued until his death, at the age of seventy-six years. He married Elizabeth Myer, who was born near Lyndon, Bucksin Township, where her parents were early settlers. She died in 1904, aged seventy-three years.

Obtaining the rudiments of his education in the common schools, Clinton C. Riley subsequently attended Prof. J. H. Poe's School in Chillicothe, and the Lebanon Normal School. Determining to enter the medical profession, but without the means to defray his college expenses,

he taught school several terms, in the meantime studying medicine for a year under the preceptorship of Dr. G. S. Franklin. Going then to Columbus, he was graduated from the Starling Medical College with the class of 1880. Immediately locating at Massieville, Doctor Riley met with encouraging success from the start. Coming from there to Chillicothe, he built up an excellent practice, remaining in this city until his death, in 1893, while yet in manhood's prime.

Doctor Riley married October 20, 1887, Miss Josephine Griesheimer, of whom a brief personal account immediately follows. The doctor was a member of the Ross County Medical Society.

JOSEPHINE (GRIESHEIMER) RILEY, M. D. A woman of high mental attainments, talented and cultured, Josephine G. Riley, M. D., of Chillicothe, has met with eminent success in her professional career, and is giving the best of her life to the relief of suffering humanity. A daughter of the late Esq. Adam Griesheimer, she was born in Chillicothe, on the paternal side coming from noble French ancestry.

Her paternal grandfather, Jacob Griesheimer, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, where his immigrant ancestor settled on leaving France, his native land, just after the bloody revolution that caused so many of the French people to seek refuge in other countries, and to there lose their identity by assuming other names, the doctor's French ancestor having taken that of Griesheimer. Jacob Griesheimer, accompanied by his family, sailed for America in 1848, after an ocean voyage of sixty-five days landing in New York on the 15th day of June. Making his way to Buffalo, he there embarked on a lake boat for Cleveland, and from that city came by way of the canal to Chillicothe, being five days on the canal. Purchasing a tract of land that is now included within the city limits, he engaged in truck gardening, and continued a resident of the city until his death, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, Annie Margaret Griesheimer, survived him, attaining the age of eighty-eight years. She reared seven children, as follows: Margaret, ———, Martin, Adam, Peter, Catherine, and Conrad.

Born and reared in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, Esq. Adam Griesheimer attended the public schools regularly and received a liberal education. Coming with his parents to Chillicothe in 1848, he embarked in mercantile pursuits, and conducted a profitable business for many years. After retiring from the mercantile business, he served as justice of the peace, which position he held for many years. He believed in a liberal education, and mastered law by self-study. He died in 1906, having been a resident of Chillicothe fifty-eight years.

His wife, whose maiden name was Caroline Feik, was born in Munich, Germany, and came to this country with her parents, landing in Boston, from there going to Buffalo, thence by way of Sandusky coming to Chillicothe. Her father, Mr. Feik, was a veterinary, and remained in Chillicothe until after the death of his first wife. He subsequently married again, and moved to Marietta, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life. Doctor Riley was one of a family of ten children, as follows:

Louisa, Charles, Charlotte, Adam, Jr., Catharine, Albert C., Caroline, Josephine, Helena, and Frederick.

Louisa Griesheimer married John T. Myers, and died in 1891, leaving two sons, Herbert A. and Harry E. Her son Herbert A. is serving at present as private secretary to Hon. Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior.

Caroline I. Griesheimer received a liberal education when young, and after teaching in the public schools for a time, she served as deputy clerk in the Probate Court office. After successfully passing the United States Civil Service examination, she was appointed to a clerkship in the Treasury Department at Washington, 1891. The Civil Service Commission asked for her transfer to the commission's rolls where she is engaged in educational and legal work. She is the only woman in the employ of the Civil Service Commission having the title of examiner.

Miss Griesheimer being a woman of great force of character and a brilliant scholar took up the study of law, and graduated with honor from the Washington College of Law, receiving the degrees of Bachelor of Laws and Master of Laws. She has been admitted to practice in the Supreme Courts of the District of Columbia, the Appellate Courts, and the Supreme Court of the United States. She also graduated from the Columbian College, receiving the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Science.

Miss Griesheimer believes that every woman should be given a sound and practical education. She takes a deep interest in educational matters, the Child Welfare Movement, Child Labor Laws, Juvenile Courts, Social Economy, and matters affecting the welfare of humanity.

Josephine Griesheimer acquired her preliminary education in the public schools of Chillicothe, and at the age of sixteen years secured a position as teacher in the public schools of Adelphi. She afterwards obtained a similar position in Chillicothe, and taught successfully in this city until her marriage with Dr. Clinton C. Riley, of whom a brief sketch may be found on another page of this volume. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Riley resumed her former profession, and for three and a half years taught school. Resolving to enter upon a medical career, she entered the medical department of the National University at Washington, where she was graduated with the class of 1901. She ranked very high as a scholar while there, winning the faculty gold medal by keeping at the head of all of her classes during her entire course. In June, 1901, Dr. Josephine Riley passed the examinations of the State Medical Board of Ohio, and has since been actively engaged in the practice of her profession in Chillicothe, where she has established a large and lucrative patronage.

Doctor Riley has one child, Albert A. Riley, who is now attending the George Washington University, Washington, D. C. Doctor Riley is a member of the Ross County Academy of Medicine, and also of the Ohio State Medical Society. She is examining physician of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Baltimore & Ohio Trainmen. Fraternally the doctor is a member of Rebekah Lodge, No. 26, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

EDWARD LOUIE ALBRIGHT. In the work of making Chillicothe a "City Beautiful" in reality, and in adding to its reputation as a clean, healthful, and attractive abiding place, much credit should be given to Edward Louie Albright, director of public service, who is performing the duties devolving upon him in this responsible position so efficiently and conscientiously, and with such thoroughness, as to win the approval of all concerned. He was born in Chillicothe, March 30, 1876, a son of Frederick Augustus Ferdinand Albright, and a representative of one of the first German families to locate in the city.

His paternal grandfather, Joseph Albright, was born, reared and married in Littenweiler, by Freiburg, in Breisach, Baden, Germany. In 1839, accompanied by his family, he came to Chillicothe, leaving the fatherland April 17th and arriving in Chillicothe July 4th, seventy-eight days after setting sail. He first lived in a log house, but afterward purchased a vacant lot at 215 North Street, and there built the house now occupied by his grandchildren. Although a cabinetmaker by trade, he followed carpentry after coming to this country, continuing it until his death, at the age of sixty-nine years. On April 1, 1816, he was united in marriage with Christine Elizabeth Oberlander, who was born June 30, 1798, in Oberhain, by Königsee, Fürstenthum, Schwartzburg-Rudolstadt, Germany, and died April 25, 1867, in Chillicothe. Eight children were born of this union, as follows: Margaret, Caroline, Julia, Louise, Frederick Augustus Ferdinand, Pauline, Elizabeth, and John Frederick.

Frederick A. F. Albright was born June 18, 1830, in the same part of Schwartzburg-Rudolstadt, Germany, that his mother was, and as a lad of nine years came with his parents to Ohio. Learning carpentry when young, he was employed as a bridge carpenter when the Marietta and Cincinnati Railroad was built. He also assisted in the building of the Chillicothe Courthouse, and was the last survivor of the carpenters that worked on St. Peter's Church. He was an expert workman, and after a few years at carpentry became a millwright, and followed that trade during the remainder of his active life. Succeeding to the ownership of the old homestead, he occupied it until his death, January 30, 1906, at the age of seventy-five years.

The maiden name of the wife of Frederick A. F. Albright was Caroline Rosena Gehring. She was born July 6, 1837, in Oberheldrung, Königgratz, Breisach, and died in 1882 in Chillicothe. Her parents, Henry and Sousiana Gehring, came from Germany to America in 1854. and after living a number of years in the Prussian settlement, about nine miles south of Chillicothe, moved into this city, and here spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. F. Albright reared nine children, namely: Christina Phillipena Louise, Annie, Carolina Sallie Mary, Carolina Dora, Elizabeth Anna Carolina, Frederick Christian Joseph, Henry Philip, William Julian Ferdinand, and Edward Louie.

Completing his early education in the public schools of Chillicothe, Edward Louie Albright secured a position with the Marfield Milling Company, serving a part of the time as office clerk and bookkeeper, and

part of the time as manager of the feed store, remaining with the firm five years. Learning then the millwright trade, he followed it until 1903, when he was made assistant street superintendent. At the end of four years in that position, Mr. Albright was appointed superintendent of streets, and during the six years that he served in that capacity proved himself so eminently capable and efficient that he was appointed to his present official position as director of public service, an office that includes, among other duties, the superintendency of the streets of the city.

Mr. Albright married, April 29, 1908, Nancy Ann Routt, who was born in a log house on the farm of her father, Thomas Jefferson Routt, near Hallsville, Ross County. Her paternal grandfather, Henry Routt, was born at Staunton, Virginia, October 13, 1802, and after coming to Ohio spent a few years in Chillicothe, from here making an overland journey with teams to Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, where he and his wife spent their remaining days. Born May 11, 1830, in Chillicothe, Thomas Jefferson Routt was fifteen years old when he accompanied his parents to Clay City, Illinois. Not liking his new home, he soon returned to Chillicothe, walking the entire distance. After his marriage he settled on a farm near Hallsville, and after occupying it forty-two years, came to Chillicothe, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edward L. Albright, December 13, 1913. He was three times married, Mrs. Edward L. Albright having been the only child of his third wife, whose maiden name was Clarissa Jane Hines. She was born in Ross County July 19, 1835, and is now living with Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Albright. Her father, Philip Hines, was born in Pennsylvania, a son of Jacob and Mary Elizabeth Hines, who were born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry. Coming to Ross County, Philip Hines purchased a farm in Harrison Township, and there lived until his death, at the age of ninety years. In addition to clearing and improving a farm, he followed for many years his trade of a weaver, making carpets, coverlets, and various kinds of cloth, all of which found a ready sale. Sarah Maddox, who became the wife of Philip Hines, was born in Kentucky, a daughter of Isaiah Maddox, a pioneer of Ross County. She died at the age of sixty-five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Albright have one child, Ferdinand Thomas Albright. Both Mr. and Mrs. Albright attend the German Evangelical Church. Fraternaly he is a member of Aerie No. 600, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

GEORGE J. SCHMITT, who died at his home in Scioto Township a few years ago, was a resident of Ross County only a few years, but became well known as an industrious and capable farmer and a citizen who commanded confidence by reason of his unwavering integrity and the honorable relationships formed during his many years spent as a farmer in this section of Ohio. He left a widow and a large family of children, most of whom still reside at the old estate in Scioto Township.

A native of Germany, George J. Schmitt was born at Friedelsheim March 30, 1857. His father, John Schmitt, was a native of the same

place. He married Elizabeth Lorbeek. In 1866 John Schmitt and family set out for America. The sailing vessel on which they crossed the ocean was sixty-three days battling with the winds and waves. From New York they moved first to Meriden, Connecticut, but in a short time came on west to Ohio and located at Waverly, in Pike County. There John Schmitt became a substantial farmer and spent the rest of his days. His wife died at Waverly. Their five children were named George J., Jacob, Lena, Margaret and Anna.

Nine years of age when brought to this country, George J. Schmitt finished his education in Ohio, and at an early age his muscles were tried out and his constitution inured to the duties of farming. He was reared to habits of industry, and that accounts for his success in life. At the time of his marriage he engaged in the dairy business on a farm two miles from Waverly. Starting with a herd of eight cows, he increased it to twenty, and was one of the leading men in that industry for a number of years. Until 1904 he resided on his farm and gave it his entire attention, but at that date he removed his family to Waverly and continued to superintend his farm. In 1911 he sold his place in Pike County and then moved to Scioto Township, in Ross County, where he bought the farm on which his family now reside in Scioto Township. This is one of the high-class farms in the vicinity of Chillicothe, being situated four miles from that city. There is a large and comfortable house situated pleasantly on the sunny side of a hill and almost surrounded by trees and shrubs.

In that comfortable home George J. Schmitt passed away April 30, 1914. On July 29, 1880, he had married Mary Ann Brown. Mrs. Schmitt was born on a farm in Beaver Township of Pike County, Ohio, and her father, August Brown, was also a native of Friedelsheim, Germany, where George J. Schmitt was born. August Brown came to America when quite young. In the old country he had learned the trade of cooper, and he found employment in that work at Portsmouth. Carefully saving his earnings, he was able after a few years to go to Pike County and buy a tract of land half a mile from the Village of Beaver. He set up a shop on his farm, and while the spring, summer and fall were spent in cultivating and looking after his crops, the winter season was devoted to the cooper trade. By that means he lived and provided for his family, and passed away when about fifty years of age. His wife was Elizabeth Blind. She was reared and educated in Germany, and when about twenty years of age came to America, accompanying a friend, a German woman. She died at the age of forty-five. Mrs. Schmitt was one of ten children, namely: Lizzie, William, Mary A., Martin, August, Louis, Catherine, Bertha, Rachel and David.

Many years ago Mr. and Mrs. Schmitt became communicants of the First Evangelical Church, and they reared their family in the same faith. Mr. Schmitt was survived by his widow and eleven children. The names of these children, most of whom are now well prepared to take up the serious responsibilities of life on their own account, are as follows: August, Anna, Catherine, Lena, Clara, Lula, John, Ralph, Margaret, Edith and Albert.

THOMAS HUFF is an old-time business man and professional photographer of Ross County and is now living quietly retired at his home in Massieville. He and the members of his family connection have been closely identified with Scioto Township and other sections of Ross County, and this is one of the honored names that requires something more than passing mention in a history of Ross County.

Mr. Huff was born in Huntington Township of this county May 24, 1844. His grandparents were pioneer settlers in Muskingum County, Ohio, where his father, Henry Huff, was born, at the Town of Zanesville. Henry learned the trade of cooper as a young man, and followed it at Zanesville. He died at Cowensville, Ohio, in 1852. Henry Huff married Barbara Ann Selby. She was born in Huntington Township of Ross County, a daughter of William Selby, who was born in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and came to Ross County among the early settlers of Huntington Township. There he hewed a farm out of the woods. He served in the War of 1812 and was in every sense a patriotic and useful citizen. William Selby married Eva Grim, and both of them died when quite old.

At the death of her husband Mrs. Henry Huff was left a widow with seven children, whose names were William, John, Thomas, Charles, Theodore, Lewis and Henry.

Thomas Huff was eight years old when his father died. He soon had to shift for himself, and for some years he lived in the family of William Lockwood, a well-known old-time merchant at Massieville. While there he attended public schools and also clerked in the store of Mr. Lockwood.

Mr. Huff has an honorable record of participation in the Civil war. He first enlisted in May, 1862, in Company K of the Eighty-eighth Ohio Infantry. His term of service was for three months, and was principally spent on duty at Camp Chase, where at the time a great many Confederate prisoners were confined. Discharged at the end of three months, he returned home, but in the following year, June 29, 1863, enlisted in Company F of the Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This time his enlistment was for six months. With his regiment he went south to Tennessee, and arrived at Cumberland Gap in time to witness the surrender of the Confederates who had held that position. He was with his regiment until some weeks after his term expired, receiving his discharge February 12, 1864. Again he spent a few weeks at Massieville, and again, in May, 1864, enlisted, this time in Company D of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment of Ohio Infantry. He accompanied this regiment to Baltimore and thence to the Virginia battleground. June 9, 1864, he was wounded, was sent to a hospital in Baltimore, and there remained until he was well enough to be removed to Camp Dennison in Ohio. August 30, 1864, he received his third discharge, this time on account of disability, and was soon back at his place as clerk in a store at Massieville.

In 1880 Mr. Huff took up the profession of photography. He operated a gallery at Colton for thirteen years, and after that was at various

points in Southern Ohio, chiefly Ironton and Jackson, and finally went into business at Chillicothe, where he was one of the most popular men in the profession for twelve years. In 1912 he retired, and is now living at his old home in Massieville.

On September 26, 1865, soon after the war, Mr. Huff married for his first wife Mary Elizabeth Rutherford. She was born in Jackson County, Ohio, daughter of Griffith and Rachel (Radcliff) Rutherford. Mrs. Huff died in July, 1885, after almost twenty years of married life. In 1890 Mr. Huff married Mrs. Helen (Stinson) Lockwood. Mrs. Huff was born in Chillicothe May 2, 1841. Her father, Archibald Stinson, was born at High Bank, in Ross County, in 1800. Her grandfather, James Stinson, who was probably a native of Rhode Island, was one of the first pioneer settlers of Ross County. He came to this county when Ohio was still a part of Northwest Territory. He lived on the High Banks until 1801, when he settled in what is now Scioto Township, securing a large tract of land south of and adjoining the present Village of Massieville. His farm was located on the well-traveled highway between Portsmouth and Columbus, and the large log house which he built was opened as a hotel and stage station. In the year before the building of canals or railroads and when all transportation was by wagon or team or stage coach, his hotel entertained innumerable guests, and stood in high favor with the traveling public. Archibald Stinson, the father of Mrs. Huff, was one of a large family of children, and grew up in the old hotel and on the farm, and eventually inherited a portion of the farm estate. He was a successful farmer and placed many improvements on his land, including a set of substantial frame buildings. He lived there until his death in 1876. Archibald Stinson married Silence McCoy, whose name introduces mention of another very prominent early pioneer family of Ross County. She was born in Union Township in 1801, a daughter of John and Margaret (Kerr) McCoy. John McCoy had the distinction of erecting the first building in Chillicothe. The mother of Mrs. Huff died in 1888, having reared seven children, named James K., John, Mary, Margaret, Helen, George W. and Archibald S.

Mrs. Huff grew up in Ross County, receiving her education in the district schools. She first married Theodore E. Lockwood. Mr. Huff by his first marriage reared three children, named Dora, Anna and William R. Dora, who married Samuel Eisnawgle, died leaving two children, named Jessie and Nina. Anna is the wife of Richard Glenroy and has a daughter named Florence. William R. has the following children: Lester, Franklin, Wilber and Marjorie. Politically Mr. Huff is a republican, as would be natural considering his effective service to support the Union during the Civil war. While a resident of Colton, President Harrison appointed him postmaster of that village, and he filled the office with credit four years.

WALTER S. BARRETT. Noteworthy among the active and progressive business men of Chillicothe is Walter S. Barrett, who is closely associated

with the mercantile and manufacturing interests of this section of Ross County. A native of Ohio, he was born September 19, 1878, on a farm in Paint Creek Township, Highland County, of English ancestry. He is a lineal descendant in the sixth generation of Arthur Barrett, the founder of that branch of the Barrett family from which he sprung, his lineage being thus traced: Arthur (1), Benjamin (2), Jonathan (3), Levi (4), Jesse C. (5), and Walter S. (6).

Arthur (1) Barrett came when but a boy to America, he and his older brother, David Barrett, coming to this country with William Penn, both being members of the Society of Friends. Removing in early manhood from Pennsylvania to Virginia, Arthur (1) Barrett spent the remainder of his years in Frederick County, where his son, Benjamin (2) Barrett, was a life-long resident. Jonathan (3) Barrett, who spent all of his days in Virginia, married Rachel George, a daughter of Ellis and Lydia (Lewis) George, natives of Wales.

Levi (4) Barrett was born and educated in Virginia. Following the tide of emigration westward, he became an early settler of Highland County, Ohio, and in Paint Township, on the farm which he reclaimed from the wilderness, he resided until his death, in 1878. He married Delilah Moon, who was born in Highland County, in 1811.

Born in Paint Creek Township, Highland County, in 1853, on the same farm that the birth of his son Walter occurred, Jesse C. Barrett succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead, and was there prosperously engaged in general farming for many years. He is now living in Kansas City, Missouri, an esteemed and respected citizen. He was reared in the Society of Friends, and has remained true to the religious beliefs of his parents. He married Frances Johnson, who was born in Highland County, Ohio, a daughter of Dr. Silas Johnson, a granddaughter of Moorman Johnson, and great-granddaughter of William Johnson, a pioneer of Highland County. After his graduation from the Ohio Medical College, in 1842, Dr. Silas Johnson located at Danville, Highland County, where he was successfully engaged in the practice of medicine until his death, in 1863. He was a republican in politics, and for a time served as postmaster at Danville, being appointed to the position by President Lincoln. Dr. Johnson married Ann Eliza Cline, a daughter of Charles and Margaret (Peterson) Cline, natives of New Jersey, and pioneer settlers of Clinton County, Ohio. Mrs. Jesse C. Barrett died in 1898, leaving three children, as follows: Walter S., the special subject of this sketch; Starling, a resident of Columbus; and Vernon, living in Chillicothe, Ohio.

When he was a boy of twelve years, Walter S. Barrett came to Chillicothe with his parents, and completed his early education in the Chillicothe High School. He then began his active career in the composing room of the Scioto Gazette, where he became familiar with the art preservative. He was later associated with the Chillicothe Advertiser until the first call for troops during the progress of the Spanish-American war, in 1898. Responding to the call, he enlisted in Company F, Seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was soon trans-

ferred to the Sixth Company of the Signal Corps. Upon taking the competitive examination, Mr. Barrett was placed in charge of the quartermaster's department, and continued in that responsible position until honorably discharged from the service, April 3, 1899. Mr. Barrett was highly commended by the War Department for accuracy and efficiency of his accounts, which enabled that department to close the affairs of the company without delay. Returning home, Mr. Barrett was for two years editor of the Greenfield Daily News, resigning the editorship to enter the accounting department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. In 1905 he resigned that position to engage in the automobile business, with which he has since been successfully identified.

Mr. Barrett married, March 2, 1904, Anna M. Meggenhofen, a daughter of Dr. Edward and Louise (Kirk) Meggenhofen, of whom a brief sketch may be found on another page of this volume. Three children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, namely: Edward, Frances Louise, and Walter Scott. At the age of nineteen years, Mr. Barrett began his political career as a member of the republican precinct committee. He cast his first presidential vote for William McKinley, and has since served as a delegate to numerous district, county, and state conventions. In November, 1914, he was elected county auditor of Ross County. Fraternally Mr. Barrett is a member, and past commander, of Great Seal Tent, No. 542, Knights of the Maccabees; a member of Old Capitol Council, No. 1626, Loyal Order of Moose; a member of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of Scioto Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Barrett is a member of the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce; and a member, and commander of E. U. Wiedler Camp, No. 48, Spanish War Veterans.

JOHN H. BLACKER. It is doubtful if Ross County has had a more prominent figure politically in recent years than John H. Blacker, whose success in overturning normal republican majorities and in being elected to important responsibilities in township and county is a matter which local people will not allow to be forgotten. Mr. Blacker has for many years been a merchant and business man and banker in the county, and has many extensive interests in this section of Ohio.

He was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, August 7, 1859. His great-grandfather, John Henry Blacker, emigrated from Germany to America in the closing years of the Revolutionary war. After locating in Virginia he married Miss Elizabeth Myers. Grandfather Joseph Blacker emigrated from the Old Dominion State to Pickaway County, Ohio, about 1820, though he was not the first of the family to come to this part of Ohio, his brother Jacob having located in Chillicothe as early as 1817. Grandfather Blacker was a blacksmith by trade, and for many years followed that vocation in Ohio near what is known as Round Prairie on Deer Creek. In later years he gave his energies chiefly to farming, and he died at the age of sixty-eight.

Henry C. Blacker, father of John H., was born in Virginia, but was brought as a child to Pickaway County. He became a farmer and one

of the large land owners in that county. A man of ability and untiring energy, he was well known not only for his success in business but for his prominence in democratic politics, and he was twice elected to office in Pickaway County. He died in that county in 1902. He married Marian Bowsher, a daughter of Anthony Bowsher, who was a native of Pennsylvania and one of the early settlers in Pickaway County. Marian Blacker died January 2, 1893. She was a member of the Evangelical Church, and a woman of strong Christian principles and character. She became the mother of thirteen children, and eleven of them reached mature years.

The sixth in the family of thirteen, John H. Blacker spent his early life on his father's farm in Pickaway County and attended the district schools. At the age of twenty-one he entered the Northern Ohio University at Ada and spent two years in the normal department, after which he sought to apply his learning and taught one term in Pickaway County. In 1881 he passed from the educational to the commercial ranks, and at Clarksburg began clerking in the store of his brother-in-law, E. W. Templin. Four years later he bought out the stock and continued the business energetically and with satisfying success until September, 1888. At that time he formed a partnership with J. M. Gorham, and the two were together in business at Clarksburg until the fall of 1890.

In the meantime Mr. Blacker's popularity as a citizen and his genial ability in politics had become a matter of note in that section of Ross County. He had been five times elected treasurer of Deerfield Township. That township was then known as the banner republican precinct of Ross County and it was properly believed that any man who could overcome the republican majority there was an eligible candidate for further honors in county politics. Consequently Mr. Blacker was offered nomination by his party for any one of the three offices of commissioner, auditor or sheriff, and he determined to become a candidate for sheriff. The normal republican majority in Ross County at that time was 300. After a vigorous campaign, Mr. Blacker was elected sheriff by a majority of 135. In 1892 he was re-elected, this time by a majority of 400, though the county gave its support to Harrison for president by a majority of 150. He has been more or less active in democratic politics in Ohio for many years, and in 1896 he was a delegate to the national convention and in 1898 was elected chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee.

Since leaving the office of sheriff, Mr. Blacker has applied himself to the management of varied business interests. He was in the real estate business at Chillicothe for three years, and is an extensive land owner in both Pickaway and Ross counties. He was one of the men who purchased the Harrison Building on High Street in Columbus, a twelve-story office building, and one of the most modern structures in the capital city. In 1907 he became one of the organizers of the Valley Savings Bank at Chillicothe and was elected its first cashier and has been closely identified with the management and detail of the institution ever since.

On July 6, 1885, Mr. Blacker married Miss Mary M. Rankin, who is

a native of Ross County. Their children are Marian, Coit, Neal and Stanley. The last named is now deceased. Mr. Blacker is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

A few items of interest should also be mentioned concerning Mr. Blacker's mother's people. Her father was Anthony Bowsher, a native of Bieber Township, Pennsylvania. His father was also named Anthony Bowsher, and was born either in Germany or in Pennsylvania of German parentage. Anthony, Sr., came to Ohio more than a century ago, accompanied by his family. He arrived in this state in 1813, and acquired a tract of government land in what is now Circleville Township of Pickaway County. His great-grandson, Mr. Blacker of Chillicothe, now has the patent, a piece of parchment, which was issued by the United States Government and was signed by James Madison, then President of the United States, and Edward Tiffin, Secretary of the Interior. On that land Anthony Bowsher made the first improvements, and occupied and cultivated it until his death at the age of sixty-five. He was a man of good education and stood high in the community. He wrote German, and Mr. Blacker now has a record of the birth of all his children written in the German script, and evidently with a goose quill and with "pokeberry" juice for ink. Another fact concerning this early Pickaway County settler that will always have special interest for his descendants was his Revolutionary record. Mr. Blacker also has his certificate granting him a pension of \$20 per year for his services as a soldier during the war for independence. This patriot and Ohio pioneer married Christina Maria Reicheldorfer, who died at a good old age. Anthony Bowsher, Jr., maternal grandfather of Mr. Blacker, came to Ohio with his parents, and succeeded to the ownership of the homestead above mentioned, and lived there until his death, July 28, 1861, when he was sixty-nine years four months and twenty-three days of age. The maiden name of his wife was Sarah Reeder, who died August 12, 1834, aged thirty-seven years ten months and nineteen days.

JAMES D. WITHGOTT. A rising young attorney of Chillicothe, James D. Withgott has a natural aptitude for his work, and is fast winning for himself a prominent and honorable name in the legal circles of Ross County. He was born on a farm in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, February 11, 1883, a son of James F. Withgott. His grandfather, Reuben Withgott, was born in Maryland, and came from that state to Ohio with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Withgott, in the spring of 1800. Thomas Withgott was accompanied not only by his own family when he journeyed across the country to Ross County, but by Henry and Thomas Bowdle and their families. Settling on Dry Run, in Union Township, he improved a farm from the forest, and there resided until his death in 1836, in the seventieth year of his age.

Reuben Withgott embarked in agricultural pursuits as a young man, and having purchased land in Union Township, near Dry Run Church, was there successfully engaged in general farming during his remaining

years, dying in 1861. He married Sally Bowdle, a daughter of William Bowdle, and she, too, spent her last days on the home farm. Seven children were born of their union, as follows: Jesse L.; James F., father of the subject of this sketch; Thomas M.; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Rev. Reese Wolf, and settled in Iowa, where both died; Margaret married a Mr. Nichols, and lived near New Holland until after his death, when she went to Kingston to make her home with her two unmarried sisters, Catherine and Lucretia.

James F. Withgott was born on the parental homestead, on the Egypt Pike, near the Dry Run Church, Union Township, Ross County, March 16, 1835, and was there brought up and educated. A natural mechanic, skillful in the use of tools, he learned carpentry when young, and was busy at his trade when the outbreak of the Civil war occurred. On August 13, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was commissioned sergeant of his company. In November, 1864, his regiment was consolidated with the One Hundred and Twentieth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he was transferred to Company F, of which he remained a member until the close of the conflict. He took an active part in many engagements of note, among the more important having been those at Chickasaw Bayou and Arkansas Post, in Arkansas; the battles at Thompson Hill, Champion Hill, and Big Black River, in Mississippi; and the siege and capture of both Vicksburg and Graham's Plantation, in Louisiana. He was honorably discharged with his regiment in July, 1865. Returning home, he resumed work at his trade, and as a contractor and builder erected the Methodist Episcopal Church at Brown's Chapel, the Presbyterian Church at State Mills, and the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bourneville. After his marriage he located in Pickaway Township, near the Ross County line, and was there prosperously engaged in farming and stock raising until his death, October 5, 1902.

The maiden name of the wife of James F. Withgott was Mary A. Rittenour. She was born in Ross County, a daughter of Isaac Rittenour, and granddaughter of Jacob and Ann (Claypool) Rittenour, of whom further mention is made in the sketch of George Rittenour, on another page of this volume. Isaac Rittenour, a lifelong farmer of Ross County, married Sarah Orr, a daughter of Thomas Orr, and granddaughter of James Orr, the founder of that branch of the Orr family to which she belonged. Born and brought up near Belfast, Ireland, James Orr emigrated to America in 1770, locating in South Carolina, where he was engaged in business for some time. On account of ill health he removed to Virginia and resided in Hardy County, near Moorefield, until 1797. Coming in that year to the Northwest Territory, he was one of the first settlers of Ross County, locating first near High Bank Prairie, and later on Dry Run. He was well educated, an expert surveyor, and for a time taught a private school in the Dry Run neighborhood, where he remained a resident until his death. He married Sarah Eyemon, who survived him, and at her death was buried beside him

in the Schooley graveyard. They reared four children, Zebulon, William, James and Thomas.

Thomas Orr, father of Sarah Orr, was born in Virginia, and in 1797 came with his parents to Ross County. Growing to manhood on the homestead, he became a farmer from choice, and was engaged in his free and independent occupation throughout his life. He married first Rebecca Alexander, who died two years later, leaving one son. He married, second, Mary Jones, who bore him eleven children, namely: Rebecca; Elizabeth; Thomas; Sarah, who married Isaac Rittenour, grandfather of our subject; William; Jeremiah, Pressley; Zebulon; Simeon; Wesley, and Mary A. Of the union of James F. and Sarah Withgott, four children were born, as follows: Cary R.; Walter F.; James D., the subject of this sketch, and Reece B.

After leaving the rural schools, James D. Withgott attended the Circleville High School a year, and in 1900 was graduated from the Kingston High School. Going then to Ada, Ohio, he entered the Ohio Northern University, and was graduated from the College of Arts in 1904. Three years later, in 1907, he was graduated from the law department of the Ohio State University, at Columbus. Admitted to the bar in June, 1907, Mr. Withgott began the practice of his chosen profession at Chillicothe in October, 1907, and has met with encouraging success from the start, winning a noteworthy position, not only as a lawyer, but as a popular and esteemed citizen.

On June 8, 1910, Mr. Withgott was united in marriage with Miss Ethel Marie Steel, who was born in Chillicothe December 17, 1887, a daughter of James G. and Alice M. Steel, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this work. Politically Mr. Withgott is a republican. Fraternally he is a member of Scioto Lodge, No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons, and also belongs to Acacia Fraternity of the Ohio State University. While a student at the Ohio State University he was a member, in 1906, of the debating team which won the victory in the contest with the competing team of the Indiana University.

HENRY RENICK BROWN, M. D. Noteworthy for his keen intelligence and high mental attainments, Henry R. Brown, M. D., holds an important and influential position among the skillful and faithful physicians and surgeons of Chillicothe, where he is enjoying an excellent patronage, his practice being quite large. A native of Ross County, he was born August 10, 1878, in Deerfield Township, which was likewise the birthplace of his father, Austin H. Brown. He is a descendant in the sixth generation of the immigrant ancestor, who came from England to America in colonial days, settling in Delaware, the line of descent being traced through James (2) Brown, White (3) Brown, William White (4) Brown, Austin H. (5) Brown, to Henry Renick (6) Brown.

White Brown, the doctor's great-grandfather, was born in Delaware in 1749, on his father's farm. A faithful student, he acquired a good education, and having become proficient as a surveyor, made the first plat of Sussex County, Delaware. He served as a soldier in the Revo-

lution, and was a conspicuous worker in the early history of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. He visited the Northwest Territory in 1799, and soon after became a permanent settler in Ross County. From a history of Ross County, which, with Highland County, was published in 1880, we quote as follows:

“White Brown, if not actually the first white settler of Deerfield Township, was first in matters of public improvement. He was a man of intelligence and very strong religious belief. He had, in 1781, built a Methodist Meeting House in his native state, it being known as Brown’s Chapel. In 1799 he came to the Northwest Territory and explored quite a section, including Ross County. In 1801 he returned to Ross County, accompanied by his sons and slaves (forty in number), which he later freed. He bought 500 acres of land in what is now Deerfield Township, which was then an unbroken forest, and pending the time when it should be cleared his sons and negro servants raised a crop of corn on the land now occupied by the Ross County Infirmary. In 1802 he built a log house on his land, and in 1803 the remainder of his family joined him, and in that year he built a commodious log barn. In that building, from 1803 until 1818, were held the services of the pioneer Methodist Episcopal Church of Deerfield. His son-in-law, Steven Timmons, was the first to preach there. Later Bishops Francis Asbury, Whatecoat, and McKendry, also George and Lorenzo Dow, and the Finleys, father and son, preached there.

“In 1805 he erected a saw mill on his farm on Deer Creek, it being the first mill in Deerfield Township. He dammed the stream by felling a tree across it and then filling in with brush. He kept the first silver dollar he earned in this mill. It was a Spanish coin and bears the date of 1781. The initials W. B., and the date 1805, are marked on the face, and it is still preserved by the family. In addition to other interests Mr. Brown engaged in shipping supplies to New Orleans. He was also a member of the first board of township trustees. He was a man of great force of character, well known in his native state as well as in the state of his adoption.” He died March 23, 1842, aged ninety-three years. He was three times married, by his first marriage having five daughters, by his second union having a son and a daughter, and by his third marriage having three daughters and two sons.

William White Brown, the doctor’s grandfather, was born in the State of Delaware, March 22, 1799, but was brought up on the home farm in Deerfield Township, Ross County. Choosing the free and independent occupation to which he was reared, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits in that township until late in life, when he removed to Chillicothe, where he lived retired until his death, May 8, 1866. He married Martha Hough, a daughter of Benjamin Hough, who came from Pennsylvania, where he was born, to Ohio in pioneer days, and subsequently became prominent in public affairs, serving as the second auditor of the state. Of their union two sons were born, Austin H. and Allison L.

Allison L. Brown, the youngest son, was born in February, 1835, and

grew to manhood on the parental homestead. Enlisting in October, 1861, in Company C, Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, he was made sergeant of his company. In July, 1862, he was transferred to the Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was commissioned captain of Company B, which he commanded until May 2, 1863, when he resigned and returned home. In May, 1864, the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, composed of the Twenty-seventh Regiment and the Fifty-fifth Battalion, Ohio National Guards, was mustered into the United States service, and he was at once commissioned as its colonel. Joining the Army of the Potomac in Virginia, Colonel Brown commanded his regiment in its many marches, campaigns and engagements. At the Battle of Monocacy Bridge, July 9, 1864, his regiment distinguished itself by standing and holding back a greater and superior force, thus retarding the progress of the enemy until re-enforcements came in sufficient numbers to prevent an attack on the City of Washington. After the war, the colonel became active and prominent in public affairs, and twice was elected to the state senate. Colonel Brown married Elizabeth Barry, who died December 20, 1890, leaving one daughter, Helena Brown.

Austin H. Brown, the oldest son of the parental household, was born in Deerfield Township July 22, 1833, and in addition to receiving a good common school education when young, was well trained in the different branches of agriculture. When he was ten years of age, he and his brother, two years his junior, were presented by their father with a pig and a colt, and with this capital laid the foundation of a partnership that existed until the death of the younger in 1879. In May, 1864, Austin H. Brown entered the United States service as commissary agent on the staff of his brother, Col. Allison L. Brown, and the following August was stricken with typhoid fever, from the effects of which he did not recover until the next January. He was honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of enlistment, and was thereafter actively and successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, February 22, 1903.

Austin H. Brown was twice married. He married first, in April, 1867, Eleanor Madeira Burbridge, who was born in 1837. She died February 20, 1883, leaving four sons, namely: William White, John Madeira, Francis Allison, and Henry Renick. His second wife, whose maiden name was Rowena Nye, survived him, and is now residing in Ross County.

Laying a good foundation for his future education in the common schools of his native county, Henry Renick Brown continued his studies at Ann Arbor, Michigan, completing the course of study in the high school of that city, and in 1901 being graduated from the medical department of the University of Michigan. Going then to the Upper Peninsula, he was an interne at the Calumet and Hecla Hospital, in Calumet, for a year, and the following year was engaged in the practice of medicine at Mount Savage, Maryland. Coming then to Chillicothe, Doctor Brown has since been actively engaged in his professional work,

by his skill and ability having won the confidence of the people to an eminent degree, and built up a constantly increasing practice.

Doctor Brown married, in 1906, Mabel R. Downs, a daughter of Zimeray F. and Emma (Grubb) Downs, and into their pleasant household four children have been born, namely: Emma Downs, Henry Austin, Jane Caldwell, and William Burbridge. Religiously both Doctor and Mrs. Brown are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The doctor belongs to the Ross County, and the Ohio State medical societies, and to the American Medical Association. Fraternally Doctor Brown is a member of Scioto Lodge, No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Chillicothe Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; of Chillicothe Council, No. 4, Royal and Select Masters; of Chillicothe Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar; of Scioto Consistory; and of Aladdin Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

HUGH W. WARNER. Widely known throughout Southern Ohio as an ex-sheriff of Ross County, Hugh W. Warner, of Chillicothe, holds a place of note in political and social circles, and as proprietor of a large and well-improved farm in Twin Township is contributing his full share towards advancing the agricultural interests of this section of the state. A native of South Union Township, Ross County, he was born on the same farm that his father, Abner Warner, was born, and on which his paternal grandfather, Levi Warner, settled in the very early part of the nineteenth century. His great-grandfather, John Warner, was an officer in the Revolutionary war, and a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania, where his immigrant ancestor located on coming to America from England with William Penn.

Levi Warner was born, bred and educated in Philadelphia, and as a young man learned the potter's trade. For a number of years during his early life he was in the United States customs service at Wilmington, Delaware. In 1796 he and his father-in-law, John Winder, with their families, started for the Northwest Territory, journeying with teams to Pittsburgh, thence by flatboat to Portsmouth, and from there to Ross County making an overland trip. Locating at High Banks, in the southern part, they remained there a number of seasons. In 1804 they bought a tract of land in what is now South Union Township, and in addition to farming embarked in the manufacture of tile and brick, while working in partnership making the tile that covered the log state house. In 1852 Levi Warner moved to Clark County, where, two years later, his death occurred. His first wife, whose maiden name was Winder, died in South Union Township when her son Abner was an infant, and he subsequently married her sister for his second wife. The Winders and Warners were Quakers, and reared their families in the same religious faith.

Born on the home farm in 1820, Abner Warner was reared to agricultural pursuits, and naturally adopted farming as his chief occupation. After his marriage he began life for himself on land adjoining the parental homestead, the land having been a gift from his father. He

labored with energy and diligence, sparing no effort to make a success in his undertakings, in addition to farming making a specialty of stock raising and dealing, in the latter industry being obliged to drive both his cattle and swine across the mountains to Baltimore, the most convenient market, it often taking weeks to make the trip. At the end of a few years he sold his farm and bought the old homestead on which he was reared, and there resided until his death, in 1906.

Abner Warner married Eleanor Anderson, who was born in South Union Township in 1819, a daughter of John Anderson. Her paternal grandfather, Mahlon Anderson, a native of Virginia, and a harness-maker by trade, came to Ross County in 1806, and having purchased a tract of wild land in South Union Township, cleared from the wilderness the farm on which he spent his remaining years, and which is now owned by a great-grandson. He married Rebecca Ryan, who, like himself, lived to a ripe old age, her death occurring at the age of ninety-two years.

John Anderson, father of Eleanor, was born in Virginia, just across the river from Harpers Ferry, and as a boy came with the family to Ross County. He assisted as soon as old enough in the clearing of the parental homestead, and having come into possession of a part of it through inheritance, there spent the larger part of his seventy-seven years of earthly life. During the construction of the Erie Canal he took a contract to excavate that portion of it that passed his farm, and as a girl, his daughter Eleanor also helped by driving the oxen for him. He raised excellent crops on his farm, and used to take his extra produce down the rivers on flatboats to New Orleans, where he would sell both boat and cargo, and walk back to Chillicothe. The maiden name of the wife of John Anderson was Rebecca Justus. She was born in Pennsylvania, which, it is supposed, was the birthplace of her father, James Justus, who came with his family to Ross County in 1802, settling in Green Township, where he took up land, and spent the remainder of his life as a farmer. Of the union of Abner and Eleanor (Anderson) Warner, six children were born and reared, as follows: John M., Levi Trimble, Hugh W., Ella J., Simeon W., and Abner W. The mother died in 1908, in the eighty-eighth year of her age.

John M. Warner, the eldest son of the parental household, was born on the home farm February 10, 1846, and as a boy was well drilled in the various branches of agriculture. In 1876 he began buying and selling cattle, and continued the business for eight years, operating in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois. The following fifteen years he was superintendent of the Ross County Infirmary, and was afterwards engaged in farming in Union Township until 1905, when he removed to Chillicothe, where he now lives. Since coming to Chillicothe he has served six years as deputy sheriff, and at the present time, in 1915, is court bailiff and probation officer. He is a member of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In January, 1864, he was united in marriage with Mary Morrison, who was born June 12, 1849, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Brandt) Morrison. She died in 1907.

Acquiring a substantial education in the rural schools, Hugh W. Warner was early trained to habits of industry and honesty, as a young boy assisting in the lighter duties of the farm. Attaining his majority, he began life as an independent farmer on land that he rented, as a tenant occupying one farm for twenty-six consecutive years, it having been a well-improved and highly productive estate of 500 acres. Leaving it in 1906, having sold his farming interests, Mr. Warner removed to Chillicothe, where he has since resided, having a pleasant and attractive home.

Mr. Warner married, in 1877, Miss Matilda Houk, who was born in Ross County, a daughter of David and Sophia (Winks) Houk. Her grandfather, Philip Houk, who was born in Pennsylvania, of early German ancestry, was one of the pioneer settlers of Pike County, Ohio. He bought a tract of timbered land, and after improving a part of it, sold out and started for Iowa, to there invest his money. He made the intended investment, and it is supposed that he was murdered while making the return trip, as he was never after heard from. David Houk was born on the farm in Pike County, and lived there until 1860, when he located at High Banks, Ross County, where he lived two years. He then purchased a farm two miles north of Chillicothe, and at the end of another two years sold that property and bought nearly 700 acres of rich Scioto River bottom land, seven miles north of Chillicothe, near the mouth of Deer Creek, and was there successfully engaged in farming, making a specialty of growing corn. He then moved to Chillicothe, where he lived retired until his death a few months later. He and his wife reared four children, namely: Emma, Jacob, Hamilton, and Matilda, now Mrs. Warner.

Since casting his first presidential vote in favor of Gen. U. S. Grant, Mr. Warner has been an earnest supporter of the principles of the republican party, and has served as a delegate to numerous county, district and state conventions. He has been trustee of Union Township, and in 1894 was elected sheriff of Ross County. Fraternally he is a member of Scioto Lodge, No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Chillicothe Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; of Chillicothe Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters; of Chillicothe Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar; and of the thirty-second degree Scottish Rite; and of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

MRS. ESTELLE (JONES) PURDUM. A woman of culture and refinement, interested in all movements tending toward the betterment of the world, Mrs. Estelle J. Purdum is an ardent advocate of temperance, and an active and prominent member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. A native of Ross County, she was born in Liberty Township, which was also the birthplace of her father, Henry Jones, Jr., his birth having occurred February 16, 1824. She comes of honored pioneer stock, her great-grandfather, Thomas Jones, having migrated from New

Jersey to Ohio in 1803, bringing with him his family, which included a son, Henry, who became the grandfather of Mrs. Purdum.

Thomas Jones made the trip from the Atlantic Coast to Ohio long before the days of railroads and canals, journeying overland. It is supposed, with teams, bringing his wife and children with him, and camping and cooking by the way, as was then the custom. Having purchased a tract of land near Rattlesnake Knob, in Liberty Township, Ross County, he erected the typical log cabin, and on the farm which he cleared from its pristine wildness spent the remainder of his life. Both he and his wife, Elizabeth, lived to a good old age, and reared a large family, their children being as follows: William, Henry, Thomas, Benjamin, Joshua, Caleb, Samuel, Jeremiah, Jacob, Mary and Rebecca. Caleb died in middle life, but all of the others lived long and useful lives, married and reared families.

Henry Jones, Sr., Mrs. Purdum's grandfather, was born in New Jersey, and ere he had entered his teens was brought by his parents to Ross County. From his obituary, written by one of his sons, we learn that he obtained the rudiments of his education in a log cabin, it having been the first building erected in Liberty Township for school purposes, the pupils attending representing at that time thirty-two families. At the time of his death, at the age of four score years, all but two of these families, the Joneses and the Claypools, had become extinct in Liberty Township, either by death or by removal.

During his youthful days the nearest mill was ten or more miles distant, and he, with other boys, used to take a sack of grain to be ground, and each boy would wait his turn, sometimes waiting thus a full day and night. Jackson was the nearest point at which salt, which cost \$4 a bushel, could be bought, while at the same time corn, which was usually of an inferior quality, sold at 8 cents per bushel, and muslin cost 50 cents a yard. Beginning his career as an independent farmer, Henry Jones, Sr., bought 100 acres of land in Liberty Township, and was there actively engaged in tilling the soil until his death, March 17, 1871. During the later years of his life he suffered greatly from physical infirmities, yet his constant testimony was that his last days were his best; that his pathway grew brighter; and that this in many respects was a good and beautiful world, but that there was another and better in reserve for the faithful, and which he expected through Christ to inhabit throughout all eternity.

Henry Jones, Sr., married, at the age of twenty-seven years, Rachel Corken, a daughter of Thomas and Grace (Mason) Corken, who migrated from Maryland to Ohio, becoming pioneers of Harrison Township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and their bodies are buried in the Concord Methodist Episcopal Churchyard. Mrs. Rachel (Corken) Jones died in 1893, at the advanced age of ninety-six years. She was the mother of nine children, as follows: Simpson, Nelson, Henry, Milton, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Rachel, John and Mason. Brought up on the homestead, in Liberty Township, Henry Jones, Jr., obtained his early

education in a log cabin standing at the foot of Taylor's Hill, on the Londonderry Pike, and as that was before the establishment of free schools in Ohio, it was run on the subscription plan. Making the most of his opportunities, he acquired a good education, and by extensive reading gained a large amount of general information, to his very last day taking an intelligent interest in passing events. He became a farmer from choice, and at the time of his marriage installed his bride as mistress of a log cabin, in which they began housekeeping and in which their four oldest children, including Mrs. Purdum, were born. He was very successful in his agricultural labors, and wisely investing surplus money in land, became the possessor of 700 acres, lying in Liberty and Harrison townships. In the early '60s he built a commodious brick house, surrounded by seven acres of beautiful lawn, in Harrison Township, and there earnest men and women of the church, and those interested in all reform movements, were welcome guests. After the death of his wife he came to Chillicothe to live with Mrs. Purdum, and died at her home December 27, 1912.

The maiden name of the wife of Henry Jones, Jr., was Mary Jones. She was a daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Haynes) Jones, and a granddaughter of Rev. George Haynes, the first blacksmith to locate in Chillicothe. She died on the farm in Harrison Township February 8, 1904. Eight children were born to her and her husband, as follows: Estelle F., now Mrs. Purdum; Gertrude, who was the second wife of J. A. Cuscaden; Emmeline, who married E. P. Cliner; Virginia died unmarried; Alice, who became the first wife of J. A. Cuscaden; Norris H.; Josephine married T. M. Hanna; and Jessie, who married C. V. Jones.

Acquiring a very good education in the public schools, Estelle Jones began teaching school in her home district when but fifteen years old. Entering the Ohio Wesleyan Female College, in Delaware, at the close of the Civil war, she continued her studies there two years, after which she was again engaged in teaching until about a year prior to her marriage.

Estelle Jones married, October 28, 1868, John W. Purdum, and began housekeeping in Chillicothe, in the house which she now occupies. John W. Purdum, a son of Jesse and Mary (McAdow) Purdum, was born April 16, 1838, in Chillicothe. As a young man he began clerking in the hardware store of D. A. Schutte, and was thus employed until May, 1864, when he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Being commissioned second lieutenant of his company, he went with his command to the front during the Civil war and continued in active service until receiving his honorable discharge, August 30, 1864. He then resumed clerking for a time, but was subsequently engaged in business on his own account until compelled by ill health to give up all active pursuits. Retiring permanently then from business cares, Mr. Purdum continued his residence in Chillicothe until his death, August 24, 1911.

During the great revival of 1860, Mr. Purdum was converted, and

united with the Walnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Rev. C. E. Felton was then pastor. Four children were born of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Purdum, namely: Mary, who died at the age of thirty-five years; Henry Jones, Florence, and Norris Willard.

At the age of eleven years Mrs. Purdum joined the Concord Methodist Episcopal Church, and on coming to Chillicothe had her membership transferred to the Walnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church, with which she has since been identified, since 1868 having been a teacher in its Sunday school. Mrs. Purdum has always been an earnest worker in the cause of temperance, and at the reorganization of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Chillicothe, in 1886, was made its president. In 1891, in Toledo, she was chosen treasurer of the state organization, and served four years. In 1890 she was elected to the state board of trustees of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and filled the position four years. Mrs. Purdum believes there is no movement greater than that of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Because of her loyalty to the cause, she has often endured the most bitter persecutions, but she is a woman who will stand firm as a rock when a principle is involved, and never was known to falter in a work when she encountered opposition. Self-sacrificing to a fault, her ambition and personal convenience is of secondary consideration when anything is to be done that will advance the cause of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Her indomitable energy and perseverance, backed by her strong convictions, lead her to success where many others fail. She is an ardent believer in woman's enfranchisement, and through her instrumentalities suffrage lectures have been delivered in the remotest parts of her county. A friend says:

"We have learned through years of closest association in the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union that in all the successes and defeats in trying to bring the liquor power subservient to the law, that in all of the pleasant and unpleasant things which white ribboners commonly encounter when laboring for this greatest cause, her soul has never been scorched with malice toward any one, and that her heart is filled with love and charity for all. The atmosphere of her home is the essence of purity and Christian piety. An affectionate and devoted wife and mother, 'the heart of her husband did safely trust in her,' and 'her children rise up and call her blessed.'"

ALEXANDER STEEL. Noteworthy among the industrious and able farmers who contributed largely toward the development and advancement of the agricultural interests of Ross County was Alexander Steel, late of Chillicothe, where he lived for several years, retired from active business pursuits. A son of James Steel, Jr., he was born on a farm in Ross County, Ohio, in June, 1846, of pure Scotch ancestry.

James Steel, Jr., was born in 1807, in Scotland, where his parents, James and Jane (Gladstone) Steel, were lifelong residents. Immigrating to America in 1816, he spent two years in Virginia, from there coming as a boy to Ohio. In 1842 he located in Scioto Township, Ross County.

Buying a tract of land on the North Fork of Paint Creek, he engaged in general farming, and was there a resident until his death, fifty-six years later, on December 21, 1898, at the venerable age of ninety-one years. He was a man of sterling character, a strong Presbyterian in religion, and an ardent advocate of the temperance cause.

On October 3, 1837, James Steel, Jr., married Jane Somerville, a daughter of John Somerville, a well-to-do farmer of Bourneville, who came to Ohio from Scotland in 1808, and during his subsequent life was a man of prominence in Ross County, and active in the Swedenborgian Church, of which he was a member.

One of a family of ten children, Alexander Steel was brought up on the home farm, in Scioto Township, and assisted his father in its management for a few years after attaining his majority. He then located in Twin Township, on land given him by his father, and after occupying it a few years sold out, and bought land adjoining the parental homestead. As a tiller of the soil, he met with excellent success, but was subsequently forced to give up active work on account of ill health, and for eighteen months lived in Chillicothe. Again assuming possession of his farm, he managed it for nearly four years, when he again took up his residence in Chillicothe, where he lived retired until his death, in 1911.

Mr. Steel married, in 1882, Jeanette Morris Anderson, who was born at Anderson Station, Union Township, Ross County, Ohio, a daughter of James R. Anderson, a native-born citizen of Chillicothe. Mrs. Steel's grandfather, Lewis Anderson, was born, January 4, 1760, in Wales, and in early manhood emigrated to Ohio, locating in Ross County, in Chillicothe. He later bought land at Anderson Station, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, July 11, 1846. He married first, April 6, 1815, Isabelle Schwartz, who died in early life, leaving two children, James R. and Jane W. In 1821 he married for his second wife Mrs. Jane Patterson. James R. Anderson succeeded to the ownership of his father's homestead, and was there prosperously engaged in general farming and stock-raising during the remainder of his life, passing away March 16, 1889. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Jane Morris. She was born in Union Township, a daughter of John and Phoebe (Rogers) Morris, and died on the home farm, October 17, 1896. To her and her husband, nine children were born and reared, as follows: John S.; Thomas L.; Mary M.; Jeanette Morris, who became the wife of Alexander Steel; James; William D.; Louis F.; Margaret M.; and Lincoln C.

Mr. and Mrs. Steel reared two children, Margaret; and J. Robert, who married Elizabeth Willick, and now occupies the home farm. Mrs. Steel is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, to which Mr. Steel also belonged.

CHARLES F. COPPEL. To have played an effective part in business affairs in one locality for a period of thirty-five or forty years is of itself an achievement that reflects honor and is not unconnected with important service. Such has been the position of Charles F. Coppel at Chillicothe, one of the very successful business men of that city.

A native of Ross County, he was born November 17, 1846, a son of Christopher and Caroline Coppel. His father was born in Germany and came to America during the decade of the '30s, locating in Chillicothe. He began his career in this country as a farm laborer and for a great many years, until his death in 1874, he lived on the Mathews farm. The mother died in 1882. Of their large family of fourteen children, all but three are still living.

Charles F. Coppel grew up in Ross County, attended the public schools, fitted himself by hard work and by learning the lessons of honesty and thrift for a useful career. In 1882 he began business at Chillicothe as a restaurant proprietor, having his establishment close to the site now occupied by the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad Depot. He has continued in that same line of business now for thirty-four years, and probably has the oldest institution of its kind under one continuous management in Ross County. In addition Mr. Coppel has built up a large local trade in coal and building material. He has extensive yards and a large and commodious warehouse for the handling of these products.

His success is also indicated by his home, a large brick residence, that stands on a hillside commanding a fine view in several directions. Mr. Coppel also has a part in farming enterprise and owns a large estate of 1,500 acres and has developed much of it and is still continuing the work of improvement.

In politics he has for a number of years maintained an independent attitude. Mr. Coppel married Miss Elizabeth Winter. To their marriage were born four children: Anna B., wife of A. R. Wolf, who is now postmaster of Chillicothe; Charles F., Jr., now deceased; William, who is a clerk in his father's business; and Harry Tobias.

ELISHA A. TINKER. An able and skilful attorney, well versed in legal lore, Elisha A. Tinker is successfully engaged in the practice of his profession at Chillicothe, and is also actively interested in public matters. He was born, April 28, 1872, in Trimble Township, Athens County, Ohio, on the same farm that his father, Resolve W. Tinker, first opened his eyes to the light of this world, his birth having occurred in 1844, the farm having then been owned and occupied by Charles Tinker, grandfather of Elisha A. Tinker.

Charles Tinker was born in Connecticut, and was about four years old when brought to Ohio by his parents, who settled on wild land near the present site of Zanesville. He grew to manhood amid pioneer scenes, long before the days of railroads and canals, when few, if any, evidences of civilization as now understood existed. Grown to a sturdy manhood, he married, and subsequently moved to Trimble Township, settling on land which his wife had inherited, it being heavily timbered when he assumed its possession. After living for a while in a log cabin, he burned bricks, and erected a brick house therefrom. He cleared a large portion of the land, and was there actively engaged in tilling the soil until his death, in the eightieth year of his age.

Charles Tinker married Almira Fuller, who was born in Dover Township, Athens County, where her father located on coming to Ohio from Connecticut. The greater part of the state was then in its virgin wildness, the land being owned by the Government, and its dense forests being habited not only by the wily red man, but by wild beasts of all kinds. It is said that just before leaving his native state, Mr. Fuller had sold a cow for sixteen dollars, but had not received the pay therefor, and that he returned to Connecticut for the purpose of collecting the sum due him. In order to do so, he worked his way on a flat boat down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans, where he secured an opportunity to work his passage on a sailing vessel to Connecticut. Collecting his money, he walked back to Ohio, and on the farm which he improved, it being located about six miles from Athens, he spent his remaining years.

Brought up on the home farm, Resolve W. Tinker began life on his own account in Trimble Township, in addition to carrying on general farming establishing a profitable business as a cattle dealer, buying in Ohio, and shipping to the eastern markets. Coming to Ross County in 1891, he bought a farm in Concord Township, and established himself in mercantile business at Clarksburg, where he resided until his death, in November, 1904, at the age of three score years. He married Mary F. Martin, who was born in Jefferson County, Illinois, a daughter of Thomas Martin. She survived him, dying in January, 1908, leaving four children, as follows: Lewis M., Elisha A., Resolve W., and Eugene.

Laying a good foundation for his future education in the rural schools, Elisha A. Tinker entered the Ohio University, from which he was graduated in 1893. While there pursuing his studies, he had taught school two terms, and after leaving the University he took up journalistic work, until 1895 being associated with the "Athens Herald." In the meantime Mr. Tinker read law, first with Sleeper & Sayre, in Athens, and later in Chillicothe, with Luther B. Yaple. Admitted to the bar in 1896, Mr. Tinker began the practice of his profession in 1897, at Chillicothe, and has continued here until the present time.

Mr. Tinker married in October, 1901, Laura Morrison, who was born in Union Township, Ross County, a daughter of William Morrison, and they have one child, Frances Tinker. Since casting his first presidential vote for William McKinley, Mr. Tinker has been actively identified with the republican party, and has served as chairman of the executive committee of the Ross County Republican Organization most of the time since 1903. He has been a delegate to numerous district and state conventions, and in 1905 was elected to the lower house of the State Legislature. Mr. Tinker belongs to the Phi Delta Theta College Fraternity, and is a member of Chillicothe Camp, No. 4111, Modern Woodmen of America.

A. R. WOLFE. One of the leading citizens of Ross County, prominent in its business, social and political circles, Adolph R. Wolfe, postmaster at Chillicothe, holds a position of trust and responsibility, and is performing the duties devolving upon him in this capacity to the eminent

satisfaction of all concerned. He was born, October 10, 1870, in Cincinnati, Ohio, a son of John and Mary (Kroll) Wolfe.

Left motherless when a child of six years, he came to Chillicothe to live with his mother's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo L. Gessner, who cared for him as tenderly and lovingly as though he had been their own son. Educated in the public schools, he remained with his uncle and aunt until twenty-four years old, assisting Mr. Gessner in his business. Turning his attention then to journalism, for which he had a natural taste and aptitude, Mr. Wolfe became a reporter on the Chillicothe Daily News, his salary being \$6 per week. Making rapid strides in his newspaper work, he became, at the end of a year, city editor of that paper, and after its consolidation with the Chillicothe Advertiser continued with that paper until April, 1913, when he resigned to accept his present position of postmaster. Previous to that time, in addition to his editorial work, he had assumed the management of the Masonic Opera House, leasing it for four years, and then owning it for a period of ten years, when he sold the property.

Mr. Wolfe has been twice married. He married first, in 1901, Miss Alice Thomas, who was born in Clarksburg, a daughter of Archibald and Mary (Norris) Thomas, and sister of James Milton Thomas. She died in early womanhood, her death occurring in September, 1909. Mr. Wolfe married second, in 1912, Miss Anna Coppel, a native of Chillicothe, being a daughter of Charles F. and Elizabeth (Winter) Coppel. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe attend St. Paul's Church.

Having cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland, Mr. Wolfe has since been a consistent member of the democratic party, and active worker in its ranks. He has been a delegate to several democratic state conventions, and has served as a member of the State Central Committee, and as chairman of the County Democratic Committee. Fraternally Mr. Wolfe belongs to Scioto Lodge, No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; to Chillicothe Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; to Chillicothe Council, No. 4, Royal and Select Masters; to Chillicothe Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar; and is a member of the Valley of Columbus Consistory, and of Aladdin Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise a member of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of Chillicothe Camp, No. 4111, Modern Woodmen of America.

GUSTAVUS SCOTT FRANKLIN, A. M., M. D. A man of talent and culture, with the greatest capacity for earnest and diligent labor, the late Gustavus Scott Franklin, M. D., was for many years one of the foremost physicians of Chillicothe, where the major part of his life was spent, his birth having occurred in this city November 22, 1837, and his death in February, 1901. His father, William B. Franklin, had the family name of "Bussard" changed, in 1831, by the Ohio Legislature, to its present form, "Franklin." He was a son of Daniel Bussard, Jr., and a grandson of Daniel Boussard, Sr. There is a well established tradition that the paternal grandfather of Daniel Boussard, Sr., was born in France,

having been a Huguenot, and in 1685, after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, fled to Saxony, where he married the daughter of a burgomaster.

Daniel Boussard, Sr., or Bussard, as the name was afterwards spelled, was born, in 1743, in Saxony, Germany, and when five years of age was brought by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bussard, to America. He spent the next few years of his life in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, from there moving with the family to the Monocacy Valley, Maryland. After his marriage he settled in Frederick County, Maryland, and there the birth of his son, Daniel Bussard, Jr., occurred, December 2, 1771.

William B. Franklin was born, October 29, 1804, in Georgetown, District of Columbia. Scholarly in his tastes and ambitions, he was graduated from Princeton College, now Princeton University, in Princeton, New Jersey, with the degree of bachelor of arts. Deciding to enter the legal profession, he studied law under the preceptorship of Francis Scott Key, author of the Star Spangled Banner. Going to Virginia, he was tutor in the family of John Caile Scott until 1831, when he came to Ohio to accept the position of a teacher in the Chillicothe Academy. Becoming active in public affairs, he was elected county auditor in 1841, and was continued in office by successive re-elections until 1857. He again served in the same office from 1859 until 1863. In 1860 he was appointed registrar at the United States Land Office in Chillicothe, and continued in that capacity for eighteen years. He lived to a ripe old age, dying at his home in Chillicothe.

William B. Franklin married, August 25, 1827, at Western View, on the Rappahannock River, Culpeper County, Virginia, Marianne Scott, who was born at Rock Hill, Maryland, January 2, 1803, of Scotch ancestry. Her father, James Caile Scott, was a son of Gustavus Scott, and grandson of Rev. James Scott, the immigrant ancestor. His great-grandfather, Rev. John Scott, master of arts, was born in Dipple Parish, Morayshire, Scotland, and spent his entire life in his native country.

Born and reared in Dipple Parish, Elgin, Morayshire, Scotland, Rev. James Scott came to America in 1739, settling in Virginia. For a few years he resided at Dipple, Virginia, on the estate which he had inherited from his brother Alexander, and then removed to Prince William County, where he served as rector of the church at Dettingen Parish until his death, which occurred thirty-seven years later, in 1782. He married, at Rock Hill, Charles County, Maryland, Sarah Brown, who was born August 29, 1815, a daughter of Dr. Gustavus and Frances (Fowke) Brown. She survived him two years, passing away in 1784.

Gustavus Scott, Doctor Franklin's great-grandfather on the maternal side, was born at Westwood, Prince William County, Maryland, in 1753. Being sent, in 1765, to Scotland to complete his early education, he studied for two years at King's College, in Aberdeen, and in 1771 completed his study of law at Essex Court, Middle Temple, London. Thus equipped for a professional career, he returned to Maryland, locating in Somerset County, where he became prominent and successful as a lawyer, and influential in public affairs. He was elected a deputy to the Mary-

land convention, and served as such from June 22, 1774, until December, 1775, and was a member of the Maryland convention of 1775, which elected him as a member of a committee to prepare a draft of instructions for the deputies representing that province in Congress. He was also one of the four delegates from the Maryland convention of 1776 that formed a state constitution. After the adoption of the constitution, he removed to Dorchester County, which he represented in the Assembly from 1780 until 1784, and was appointed by the state as one of the conferees to meet those from Virginia at Annapolis, December 22, 1784, to devise some action towards the improvement of the Potomac River. He served as a delegate from Maryland to the Continental Congress of 1784 and 1785. He was likewise one of the Maryland Legislative Committee that reported in favor of James Ramsey, the inventor of the steamboat, who claimed the exclusive right of making and selling his boats in Maryland. Forces' Archives give many records of Gustavus Scott's work in the Maryland conventions. On April 11, 1776, he was a member of the committee on prizes; he was one of the committee to prepare instructions for recruiting sergeants, and a member of the committee on the Potomac ferry. When the State of Maryland loaned the United States \$150,000, he was one of the three men that endorsed the notes. His death, at Washington, in December, 1801, was a loss to the entire country. He married Margaret Hall Caile.

John Caile Scott, son of Gustavus and Margaret Hall (Caile) Scott, and Doctor Franklin's maternal grandfather, was born in 1782, and lived until 1828 in Culpeper County, Virginia, at Western View, having moved there some several years before from Rock Hill, Maryland. Coming to Ross County, Ohio, in that year, he remained here permanently, dying in 1840, on the Mechlenburg Farm. His wife, whose maiden name was Ann Love, was born in 1780, and died in 1832, in Ross County, on the Keys farm.

Acquiring his rudimentary education in the public schools of Chillicothe, Gustavus Scott Franklin was graduated from the Marietta College with the class of 1859. He subsequently studied medicine under Drs. David Wills and D. H. Scott, and in 1862 was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at New York City. Immediately entering the United States navy as a surgeon, Doctor Franklin served on the steamships "Minnesota" and "Onondaga," continuing thus employed until 1868. Returning then to Chillicothe, the doctor was successfully engaged in the practice of his profession until compelled by failing health to retire from active pursuits. A physician of far more than average skill, he was likewise a man of excellent executive and financial ability, and from the time of the death of his father-in-law, Dr. L. W. Foulke, until his own death, he had charge of the Foulke estate, of which he was executor.

Doctor Franklin married, in 1870, Mary Steele Foulke, the only child of Dr. Lewis W. and Elizabeth (McCoy) Foulke, of whom a brief sketch may be found elsewhere in this volume. Three children blessed the marriage of Doctor and Mrs. Franklin, namely: Elizabeth N.; Charles Love,

of whom a personal sketch appears on another page of this biographical work; and Marianne Scott. The doctor was a member of the Ross County Medical Society; of the Ohio Sanitary Society; of the American Medical Society; and of the American Academy of Science. He also belonged to the Sons of the American Revolution, and to the A. L. Brown Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

DR. LEWIS W. FOULKE. Occupying a distinguished position among the early physicians of Ross County was Dr. Lewis W. Foulke, of Chillicothe, who won distinction not only in medical circles, but in the business and social life of the community in which he lived, having been popular as a man and a citizen, and prominent as a financier. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in August, 1809, in Carlisle. His father, George D. Foulke, received a liberal education, having been graduated from the Dickinson College, in Carlisle, and from the Medical University of Maryland.

Having obtained his early education in the public schools of Carlisle, and by private study, Lewis W. Foulke, following in the footsteps of his father, entered Dickinson College in 1825, and after his graduation from that institution in 1829 entered the Medical University of Maryland, where he was graduated with the degree of doctor of medicine in 1832. For four years thereafter Doctor Foulke was engaged in the practice of medicine in his native state, gaining valuable experience as a physician, and much skill in the art of healing diseases. Coming to Ross County, Ohio, in 1836, the doctor met with success from the first, his rise in public confidence and in professional circles being most rapid, and very gratifying to himself. He continued in active practice in this city until his death, in June, 1887. Possessing marked ability as a business man, he accumulated a large property, and was prominently identified with various organizations. He was a member, and president, of the Board of Trustees of the Chillicothe Cemetery; was the first president of the Ross County National Bank, and one of the organizers of the Savings Bank Company; was president of the Ohio Insurance Company; was one of the organizers of the Chillicothe Gas Light & Water Company, and for many years was an influential member of the Chillicothe School Board.

Doctor Foulke married Elizabeth McCoy, a daughter of John McCoy, and their only child, Mary Steele Foulke, became the wife of Gustavus Scott Franklin, M. D., of whom a sketch may be found on another page of this volume.

CHARLES LOVE FRANKLIN. Prominently identified with the advancement of the financial and commercial prosperity of Ross County, Charles L. Franklin, of Chillicothe, manager of the estate of his maternal grandfather, Dr. L. W. Foulke, is a man of broad affairs, and a contributor, both directly and indirectly, to the material interests of city, county, and state. A son of Dr. Gustavus S. and Mary S. (Foulke) Franklin, he was born May 1, 1875, in Chillicothe, which has always been his home.

Finishing the course of instruction in the Chillicothe public schools,

he attended the Virginia Military Institute for two years, completing his early education at Marietta College. On the death of his father, he succeeded to the trusteeship of the Foulke estate, and has since devoted his time and energies to its management, and to his own private interests, his business duties being many and varied. He is actively associated with one of the more important financial institutions of the city, being one of the directors of the Savings Bank Company.

Faternally Mr. Franklin is a member of Scioto Lodge, No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Chillicothe Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; of Chillicothe Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters; of Chillicothe Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar; of Syrian Temple; of the Cincinnati Consistory; and of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

WADE J. BEYERLY. A man of high mental attainments, energetic and progressive, Wade J. Beyerly is widely and favorably known not only as a successful attorney of Chillicothe, but as an educator of prominence, having been identified with the schools of Ross and other counties, either as superintendent or principal, for many years. A native of Ross County, he was born May 25, 1861, in Union Township, a son of Andrew J. Beyerly, and grandson of Michael Beyerly, a pioneer settler of Chillicothe.

Caspar Beyerly, the great grandfather of Wade J. Beyerly, was born in Germany in 1727, and as a young man came to America, sailing from Bremen, and after a voyage of several weeks landing in Philadelphia. A few years later he left that city, removing with his family to Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, where both he and his wife, Katrina, spent their last years. His sons, Jacob and Caspar, settled in Harrisburg. Several of the children of his son Jacob, and a daughter of his son Caspar, came to Ohio to live, while a daughter, Betsey, married a Mr. Wibely, and located in Chillicothe.

Michael Beyerly was born March 14, 1774, in Lower Paxton Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, and as a youth learned the shoe-maker's trade, serving an apprenticeship at the time all shoes were custom made. In 1804, accompanied by his family, he came to Chillicothe, journeying with wagon to Pittsburgh, thence down the Ohio River, and up the Scioto, by flatboat. Soon after his arrival, he opened an inn on the site now occupied by the Carson House, South Paint Street, and also established a shoe shop. As there were neither railroads or canals for many years thereafter, all produce was shipped down the rivers on flatboats, and he took several boat loads of flour, grain and pork down the Ohio, Scioto and Mississippi rivers to St. Louis. Prosperous in business, he continued a resident of this city until his death, in 1841. During the War of 1812, he served three enlistments, first as a minute-man, then as a substitute, and the third as a volunteer. He married Anna Miller, who was born in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1781, and died in Chillicothe, of cholera, September 1, 1833. She reared eight children.

Born in Chillicothe, November 11, 1815, Andrew J. Beyerly learned

the sadler's trade when young, and subsequently followed it as a journeyman in different places. Starting in business on his own account in New Holland, Ohio, he remained there until 1856, when he located on the old Fulton homestead, in Union Township, Ross County, a part of the farm having come to his wife by inheritance. He then bought out the interests of the remaining heirs, and was there prosperously engaged in farming and stock-raising until his death, in August, 1890. The home farm is still owned by his children, it having been held in the family upwards of a century. The maiden name of the wife of Andrew J. Beyerly was Susan Fulton. She was born May 10, 1834, on the home farm in Union Township, a daughter of William Fulton, and granddaughter of John A. Fulton, one of the very early settlers of Chillicothe. Her great-grandparents, William and Susanna (Keys) Fulton, came from England to America in colonial days, settling in Chester County, Pennsylvania, on the Brandywine, where both spent the remainder of their years, his death occurring March 2, 1785. Both are buried in the Ostorn graveyard, near the Doe Run Meeting House, in that county. John A. Fulton, the great-grandfather of Wade J. Beyerly, was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1769, and while young received excellent educational advantages. In 1795, as a civil engineer, he came to the Northwest Territory, and assisted General Massie in the surveying of a large portion of the Virginia Military District. Going back to Pennsylvania in 1800, he remained there two years, and in 1802 returned to Ross County with his family, locating in Chillicothe, on the northeast corner of Main Street and the Ohio Canal. He taught school, and also followed his profession of a civil engineer, taking a contract with the Government to survey the line between Indiana and Ohio, south of Fort Recovery. He was much interested in astronomy, and was the owner of two fine telescopes, which in his will he devised to the Chillicothe High School, where one of the lenses is still preserved. A stanch democrat in politics, he was prominent in public affairs, and served as one of the first mayors of the city. He resided in Chillicothe, an honored and respected citizen, until his death, in 1841. His wife, whose maiden name was Lavina Irving, was born in Pennsylvania, of Scotch ancestry, in 1773, and died in 1841, in Chillicothe. William Fulton, the maternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born, reared and educated in Chester County, Pennsylvania, becoming a civil engineer. In that capacity, he, with William Henry Harrison, and others, surveyed the state line, the contract for which was taken by his father. He and his father made a specialty of locating lands for the Revolutionary soldiers who had secured land warrants, and through the buying up of warrants acquired several thousand acres of Ohio lands. Locating in Union Township, Ross County, after his marriage, he devoted his time and energies to the improvement of his farm, which he occupied until his death, January 29, 1876. His wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Loofbourrow, was born November 2, 1792, a daughter of David and Lavina (Gaskell) Loofbourrow, natives of Pennsylvania, and pioneers of Fayette County, Ohio. She died July 29, 1853. She was a woman of deep religious con-

victions, being an ardent Baptist in her beliefs. She was the mother of thirteen children, Helen; Mary; John W.; William; David R.; Jefferson; Lavina; Henry and Margaret, twins; Samuel L.; Wade; Catherine; and Susan. Mrs. Andrew J. Beyerly survived her husband, dying December 1, 1914. She reared seven children, namely: Eliza; Michael Irwin; Wade J.; Lucy E.; Kate L.; Grace; and Wallace F.

Having obtained his preliminary education in the rural schools, Wade J. Beyerly attended the Chillicothe High School a part of one year, after which he took a normal course in James H. Poe's private school. For a number of years he devoted his time to teaching, his first school having been in his home district. He was subsequently school superintendent many terms, having charge of the schools at Richmondale and Bainbridge, in Ross County; in Zaleski, Vinton County; at West Jefferson, Madison County; and at New Richmond, Clermont County; and for ten years was principal of the Western District School in Chillicothe. In the meanwhile, Mr. Beyerly had devoted his leisure to the study of law, and in 1900 was admitted to the bar. He began practice of his profession in 1901, but likewise continued teaching until 1911, when he gave up his pedagogical work, and has since given his attention to the practice of law, his patronage having so increased as to demand all of his time.

Mr. Beyerly married, in 1886, Anna Harmount, who was born in Deerfield Township, a daughter of Robert and Sarah E. Harmount. She died in 1889, and the two children born of their union died in infancy. Mr. Beyerly married for his second wife, in 1891, Artie M. Sigler, who was born in Jefferson Township, a daughter of Jacob and Samantha (Leach) Sigler. Mr. and Mrs. Beyerly have nine children, namely: Clare N., who married Josephine Faulkner; Esther G.; Ellen S.; Harold S.; Anna Dorothy; Wade J., Jr.; Irwin F.; Grace; and Robert F. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Beyerly are members of the First Presbyterian Church. Politically Mr. Beyerly has been a consistent democrat since casting his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland. He is a teetotaler; a strong advocate of temperance; and is secretary of the Dry Confederation of Ross County. Fraternally he is a member of Bainbridge Lodge, No. 196, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Chillicothe Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; and of Chillicothe Council, No. 4, Royal and Select Masters.

GEORGE BARMANN. One of the men who helped to shape the industry and civilization of Ross County during the past century was the late George Barmann. He came to this county in the early '30s, and proved himself a man of vigorous character and great industry and developed one of the fine farms that still remain a conspicuous landmark in East Scioto Township.

He was born in the Town of Merdergin in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, in 1808. His father, John Barmann, was born in the same locality, of wealthy parents. He spent his early life there, and when his son George was three years of age, in 1811, he set out with his

wife and six children to find a new home in America. That was years before the first steam-propelled vessel crossed the Atlantic, and the only mode of crossing the ocean was a sailing vessel. The vessel on which they embarked from a German port had unprecedented difficulties even for that time of slow navigation. Severe storms drove them back again and again, and there were many mishaps, so that it was thirteen months from the time they started until they landed in the New World. John Barmann lived at Shippensport, Pennsylvania, where he bought a tract of land with a log house containing one room above and one below. This was the first home of the Barmann family in America. The house was covered by boards rived by hand, and the large cracks between them allowed the snow to drift in and it frequently covered the beds of the occupants. Large buffalo robes, tanned by the Indians, were the chief protective covering. From Shippensport the family moved to Louisville, Kentucky, and a little later to Cincinnati, where John Barmann bought land on Price's Hill. At that time this hill was a considerable distance out in the country. The family home there was also a house of logs, and that is still standing as a landmark of early days. The logs have since been covered with weather boarding and it has been remodeled into a cozy city home. John Barmann was a man of robust constitution, and in spite of all the work he did, lived to be nearly a hundred years old. He reared three daughters and three sons: Crescent, Catherine, Annie, Lawrence, George and Fred.

Three years of age when the family made their memorable voyage to this country, the late George Barmann was reared in the primitive circumstances that existed in nearly every American home a century ago. His mother cooked by the open fire for years, and dressed her family in homespun. His father being a man of considerable means, and well educated endeavored to give his own children a good education and superior advantages. George Barmann, however, liked work and practical things better than the study of books, and was still a boy when he enrolled in the ranks of wage earners in a packing house at Cincinnati. That was still at a time when the railroads and canals were unknown institutions in the Middle West, and he frequently made trips on flatboats down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers carrying provisions to southern markets.

It was in 1832 that George Barmann came to Ross County. He bought a tract of land on the Columbus Pike in Springfield Township, and in 1840 erected a substantial brick house which still stands as a monument to his early enterprise. Constantly at work with both his hands and his mind, he was a constructive factor in the early days of agriculture in Springfield Township, and developed a large estate. He resided at the old home until his death in 1888 at the age of eighty years.

He married Josephine Gertison, who was born in Merdergin, his native birthplace, in 1818. Her father John Gertison, was a man of considerable means in that part of Germany, but finally sold his estate to a relative, and the property is still owned by his descendants. He came to America accompanied by his family, and locating at Delhi, Ohio,

bought land on which he established a vineyard and for a number of years was engaged in the manufacture of wine. That was his home until his death. The Gertison family were active members of the Catholic Church.

Mrs. Barmann, who died in 1882, reared ten children named John, Martin, George, Mary, Louise, Frank, Joseph, Isabella, Clara and Charles. The sons John, Martin and George are now deceased as is also the daughter Isabella. Frank, Joseph and Charles are well-to-do farmers in Missouri, Frank and Charles living at Maryville and Joseph in Savannah. Clara is a Sister of Charity. Louise, the only member of the family now living in Ross County, left the farm in 1890 and has since occupied a pleasant home on West Fifth Street in Chillicothe. Miss Barmann has traveled extensively in this country and in Europe, and is a woman of cultured mind and cultivated social tastes. She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Chillicothe and of the Young Ladies' Society of that church.

FRANK D. MARZLUFF. Representing one of the oldest families established in Chillicothe, Frank D. Marzluff began his business career at very tender years, and from one responsibility has advanced to another and is now one of the leading business men and controls much of Chillicothe's business interests in certain lines.

He was born in Ross County, Ohio, August 14, 1859, a son of Paul and Anna (Reinlein) Marzluff. His father was born in Strassburg, Germany, and when twelve years of age in 1826 was brought to America by his parents, who located in Chillicothe, Ohio, then a small town while the greater part of the state was still a wilderness. Paul Marzluff grew up in Chillicothe, learning the moulder's trade, and for eight years was employed in the old Greenwood Foundry. He was a California forty-niner, having gone out to the West during the gold excitement, but returned to Chillicothe in 1852. He then employed his modest capital in establishing a confectionery business, and that was his chief activity during the remaining years of his career. He died at the advanced age of about seventy-six, in 1901. There were ten children, four of whom are still living.

The fifth in order of birth, Frank D. Marzluff contented himself with such advantages as the public schools of Chillicothe could supply him, up to the time he was fourteen years of age, and then entered upon his serious and practical career by helping his father in the store. Later, he succeeded his father as proprietor of the business and it is one of the oldest establishments of its kind under one ownership in Chillicothe. Mr. Marzluff has shown his enterprise by adding to the original concern a large billiard room and he also conducts one of the largest and best restaurants in the city. He is also a wholesale and retail dealer in liquors. His principal place of business is at 17 North Paint Street.

In the meantime he has become a factor in various other important business enterprises. He is a director in the Ohio and Kentucky Coal Company, a stockholder in the Valley Savings and Trust Company and

the Ross County National Bank, and a stockholder in the Mead Pulp and Paper Company. Mr. Marzluff is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 52, at Chillicothe, and in politics is independent.

On January 31, 1882, he married Miss Mary Cahill. Of the three children born to that union the two now living are Gertrude and Margaret.

GEORGE A. VAUGHTERS. Occupying a place in the front rank of Chillicothe's representative men, George A. Vaughters possesses business sagacity of a high order, and through close application to his work, and careful supervision of his financial affairs, has met with unquestioned success in his undertakings, being now the ruling spirit in the management of enterprises of a diverse nature. A son of John A. Vaughters, he was born on a farm in Nile Township, Scioto County, Ohio, coming from English ancestry. His paternal great-grandfather, Richard Vaughters, emigrated from the South of England to America prior to the Revolution, settling in Virginia and actively assisted the colonists in their struggle for independence.

John Vaughters, the grandfather of George A., was a farmer by occupation, and spent his entire life, which was comparatively short, in Caroline County, Virginia. The maiden name of his wife was Caroline Masson. She was born, reared, and married in Virginia. Her grandfather, the maternal great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came to America in the sailing vessel *Alexandria*, and after settling in Virginia served as a gallant soldier in the Revolutionary war. Surviving her husband, Mrs. Caroline (Masson) Vaughters, in 1830, started with her four sons and a daughter for Ohio, making an overland trip across the intervening country. In a cart drawn by one horse she brought all of her household effects. Camping and cooking by the roadside, she and her family made steady progress en route, even though they made occasional stops at places where the boys could earn a little money by working. Arriving in this state, they located in Jackson County, where the death of the mother occurred two years later. Richard, the eldest son of the family, settled permanently in Jackson County, while the other three sons, John A., William and Thomas, located in Scioto County. The daughter, Mary Vaughters, married Mark Landrum, and settled in Pike County.

Born in Caroline County, Virginia, in 1814, John A. Vaughters was about seventeen years old when he came with his widowed mother and family to Jackson County. An industrious youth, he had no trouble in finding work, and for three years assisted in the digging of the Ohio Canal. Subsequently forming the acquaintance of George Wood, of Chillicothe, he was employed by him to begin the improvement of a large tract of Ohio River bottom lands that he owned, the lands being located in Nile Township, Scioto County, and being very fertile, but heavily timbered. At that time all of the river steamers used wood for fuel, and as he cleared off the timber he sold it for that purpose. For a few

years he rented the land he had cleared, but as his means increased he bought tracts from time to time, and ere his death, which occurred in 1891, he was the owner of 700 acres of well-improved lands, on which he had erected substantial buildings. He married first, Mary Dortch, a daughter of George Dortch, a farmer of Greenup County, Kentucky. She died in early life, in 1860, leaving two children, George A., the subject of this brief biographical sketch; and Mary, who became the wife of Harry Grimes, of Portsmouth, Ohio. His second wife, whose maiden name was Ada J. Brous, survived him two years, dying in 1893.

Completing the course of study at the National Normal School, in Lebanon, under the supervision of Professor Holbrook, George A. Vaughters spent the following year in Chillicothe, as bookkeeper in the mercantile establishment of J. R. English. Going then to Columbus with Mr. English, he remained there in his employ another year. Familiar then with the details of the business, Mr. Vaughters returned to Chillicothe, and, forming a partnership with Michael Kramer, engaged in a small way in the wholesale grocery business, becoming head of the firm of Vaughters, Kramer and Company. Six years later Allan W. Hamill was admitted to the firm, and in 1901 the business was incorporated as the Vaughters, Kramer Company, of which Mr. Vaughters has since been president, with Mr. Hamill as general manager. Mr. Vaughters has also other interests of importance, having been the president, and a director, of the Citizens National Bank since its organization. In 1905, Messrs. Vaughters and Kramer secured a controlling interest in the Chillicothe Electric Railroad Light & Power Company, in the management of which both have since been officially associated, Mr. Vaughters as its president and general manager.

Mr. Vaughters married first Alice Cook, a native of Madison, Indiana. She died in 1886, leaving one son, Harry Vaughters, who married Zora Moore, a daughter of Emanuel Moore, and has three children, Farrell, Maurice, and Margaret. The maiden name of the present wife of Mr. Vaughters was Margaret Kemmerer.

Religiously Mr. Vaughters was reared in the Methodist Episcopal Church, but the family now attend the Presbyterian Church. In his political affiliations he supports the principles of the republican party.

ALBERT SCHOLL. Industrious, enterprising, and painstaking, Albert Scholl, leading job printer of Chillicothe, is ably doing his part in advancing the industrial interests of this section of Ross County. He was born in this city, April 14, 1873, a son of Nickolas Scholl, who has acquired fame as an inventor.

His paternal grandfather, Adam Scholl, was born, reared, and married in Mannheim, Baden, Germany. Serving an apprenticeship at the weaver's trade, he followed it in the fatherland until 1846, when he came with his family to the United States, being but thirty days crossing the ocean. From New York, he went by railway to Buffalo, thence by way of the lake to Cleveland, and then by the canal to Columbus, where he spent a year. Locating in Chillicothe in 1847, he labored industriously, being

variously employed, and was here a resident until his death, at the age of eighty-eight years. His wife, whose maiden name was Magdalena Pommer, lived to the venerable age of ninety-three years.

Born in Mannheim, Germany, in 1843, Nickolas Scholl was but three years old when brought to Ohio by his parents. He went to school in the Chillicothe schools only three years, and as a youth developed a decided talent for invention. Having taken out a patent on an ironing board of his own invention, he organized the Champion Bosom Board Company, and was engaged in the manufacture of ironing boards until he sold his patent. He subsequently invented an ironing stand, and as founder of the Eclipse Manufacturing Company engaged in the manufacture of the stands, which for a time had a world-wide sale. Having accomplished a satisfactory work, he is now living retired from business cares. The maiden name of his wife was Frederika Gunther. She was born in Chillicothe, a daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Stroechecker) Gunther, both of whom were natives of Germany, Mr. Gunther having been born near Stuttgart, and his wife in Ludwigsburg, Wittenburg. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nickolas Scholl, as follows: George; William; Sarah Elizabeth; Albert; Lloyd R.; and Mary M. and Nellie, twins.

Receiving a brief training in the public schools, Albert Scholl began to learn the printer's trade when but twelve years old, for two years being employed in George B. Moore's printing establishment. He was afterwards connected with the old Chillicothe Gazette, and with the Daily News, as foreman for nine years, later conducting a dairy farm for a while. In 1894 Mr. Scholl was appointed truant officer and assistant librarian, and served for two years in those positions. In August, 1898, he established the job printing business with which he has since been actively and successfully identified, his management of mechanical details, and his artistic taste in matters of typography, rendering his work popular and attractive.

Mr. Scholl married, November 15, 1894, Rosa Myrtle Burgoon, who was born in Chillicothe, May 8, 1873, a daughter of William and Ellen (Thatcher) Burgoon. Their only child, Diatheia Centura, born in the "wee, sma' hours" of January 1, 1901, was the first person born in Ohio in the twentieth century. Mr. and Mrs. Scholl are valued members of the Walnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church, he being a member of the official board. Fraternally Mr. Scholl is a member of Scioto Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons; a member, and past high priest, of Chillicothe Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; a member of Chillicothe Council, No. 4, Royal and Select Masters, of which he is past thrice illustrious master; a member of Chillicothe Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar; and a member of and clerk of Chillicothe Camp, No. 4111, Modern Woodmen of America. He is a trustee of Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce, a member of the executive committee of the Farmers' Fall Festival Committee, and vice president of the Ohio Printers' Federation.

ELIJAH CUTRIGHT, JR. A man of scholarly attainments, possessing a wide knowledge of law, Elijah Cutright, Jr., has gained a position of note among the active and successful attorneys of Chillicothe, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession for upwards of a score of years. A native of Ross County, he was born September 12, 1865, in Springfield Township, where the birth of his father, Elijah Cutright, Sr., occurred on July 25, 1823. His grandfather, James Cutright, whose birth occurred February 26, 1798, in Scioto Township, at Station Prairie, was said to have been the first white male child born in Ross County.

John Cutright, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Virginia, and, according to tradition, was a descendant of one of two brothers who emigrated from Scotland to America in early colonial days, one settling in Pennsylvania, and the other in Virginia. Joining a colony of brave adventurers in 1797, he came with his family to the Northwest Territory, making an overland journey with teams. After living for a time in Scioto Township, Ross County, Ohio, he moved to Springfield Township, where he bought a tract of heavily timbered land, and at once began the arduous task of improving a homestead, in the meantime renting from General Massie several acres of improved land. On the farm which he cleared, he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1830, as did his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Subre.

In the boyhood days of James Cutright, who was reared in true pioneer times, the wild beasts of the forest had not fled before the advancing steps of civilization, but, with the dusky savage, habited the vast wilderness. There were neither railways nor canals, and no convenient markets, livestock being driven over the mountains to Baltimore or Philadelphia. As a young man he made two or more trips down the Mississippi to New Orleans on flatboats loaded with produce, flour and meat. The farmers raised sheep and flax, and the industrious wives and mothers used to spin and weave the homespun material in which they clothed their families.

After his marriage, James Cutright lived on a farm on the Massie and McDougal land until 1838 when he located on a part of his father-in-law's estate. Successful in his undertakings, he wisely invested his surplus money in land, at the time of his death, when seventy-two years of age, having title to 800 acres of valuable real estate. He was active in public affairs, serving acceptably as county commissioner. He married Sabra Neff, who was born in Virginia, July 5, 1800, and died in Springfield Township, Ross County. Her father, Leonard Neff, with his wife, Lydia, and their family, came from Virginia to Ohio in 1809, and immediately entered the southwest quarter of section 24, Springfield Township, Ross County, where he cleared and improved a farm, on which he spent his remaining days, passing away in 1833.

Elijah Cutright, Sr., was born on the Massie farm and brought up on the home farm from the age of fifteen years, receiving his education in the district schools. After his marriage he lived on a part of his father's land until 1865, when he moved in the home with his father (his mother having died), and at the death of his father received the home farm.

He continued his occupation as a tiller of the soil, living there until his death, at the venerable age of eighty-six years. He married Elizabeth Barclay, who was born in Harrison Township, Ross County, Ohio, November 14, 1838, and is now living in Springfield Township. Her father, James Barclay, was born in 1811, in Ireland, and as a young man emigrated to Ohio. Settling in Ross County, he turned his attention to farming, and soon after his marriage purchased land in Harrison Township, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, at the age of three-score and ten years. The maiden name of the wife of Mr. Barclay was Mary Pontious. She was born, August 21, 1819, in Ross County, and there spent her entire life of seventy years. Her father, John Pontious, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Ross County, Ohio, with three of his brothers in pioneer days, and settled permanently in Coleman Township. He was of Holland ancestry, and his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Myers, was of German descent. Nine children were born of the union of Elijah and Elizabeth (Barclay) Cutright, as follows: John F.; Elijah, Jr.; Mary, wife of E. E. Hough; Albert; Sarah Florence, wife of John Zuber; Grant; James N.; Emma, who married Henry Rose; and Douglas.

Having acquired a good common school education, Elijah Cutright, Jr., began his professional career as a teacher, in that capacity earning enough money to pay his college expenses at the Lebanon University. After his graduation from that institution, Mr. Cutright resumed teaching, and while thus employed devoted all of his leisure time to the study of law. In March, 1893, he was admitted to the Ohio bar, and a month later opened a law office in the Ross County Bank Building at Chillicothe, where he has since been in active practice, his patronage being extensive and highly remunerative.

Mr. Cutright married, February 7, 1894, Miss Minnie, the adopted daughter of his uncle, Nelson Cutright, and into their pleasant household three children have been born, namely: Howard Elijah; James F.; and Robert E. Mr. and Mrs. Cutright are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and for several years Mr. Cutright was one of the trustees of St. Andrew's Mission.

TOBIAS EDINGER. One of the pioneer butchers to locate in Ross County was Adam Edinger, who had learned his trade in the thorough manner of German custom and practice, and who emigrating to America in 1839 brought his little family to Ross County. It is an interesting fact that the trade of butcher has descended from father to son, and the name in Ross County has been most familiarly associated with the meat business, and there is now a large and flourishing wholesale and retail concern in Chillicothe conducted by grandsons of this pioneer settler.

One of these grandsons is Tobias Edinger, who was born in Ross County June 14, 1864, one of the six children of Tobias and Catherine (Griesheimer) Edinger. Tobias Edinger, Sr., was also a native of Germany and was quite young when he was brought to Ross County. He learned the occupation which his father had followed and for more than

half a century has been occupied with the same line of business and is still active in its affairs, though at the age of seventy-six. The heavier responsibilities of the concern are now carried by his sons.

Tobias Edinger, the oldest of the sons, was educated in the public schools of Chillicothe, at an early age entered his father's business and became a practical man in the industry of handling meat, and has for a great many years been general manager of the large wholesale and retail firm which handles much of the meat consumed in this part of Ohio. Mr. Tobias Edinger is an active republican, is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the German Lutheran Church. On June 26, 1892, in Ross County he married Miss Anna Winter, whose people came from Germany. They have one son, Arthur, born in May, 1910.

The brothers of Tobias Edinger who are also connected with the business are: Everett, the eldest, is married and has two sons, Frank and Tobias, and one daughter, Phylis Marie; George Edinger, who was born in January, 1866, and is the father of two children, Earl and Metta; William Edinger, born in 1869, has two daughters, Nora and Margaret; Albert Edinger, born in 1873, married Elsie Dressbach; Edward was born in 1875, is married and has four children.

VICTOR H. VESTER has spent his years usefully and profitably as a farmer, and now owns one of the fine estates of Scioto Township in Ross County.

Of substantial German ancestry, he was born at Omega, Pike County, Ohio, January 9, 1870. His father, Henry Alexander Vester, was born in Stholp, a town of West Prussia, on March 18, 1825. Mr. Vester's grandfather was a native of Prussia. During his early childhood some of those devastating wars which desolated that empire district of Europe occurred, and his parents and brothers and sisters all perished in the general massacre, he being the only member of the family to escape. While he was wandering from the scene a nobleman found him and took him to his home, rearing and training him and giving him a good education. When he reached military age he joined the army and served under Bluecher in the Battle of Waterloo. His splendid services as a soldier earned him the iron cross. After leaving the army he operated a flour mill at Stholp, in West Prussia, and served as burgomaster or mayor of the town until his death.

Henry A. Vester thus grew up in a home of substantial comforts. He served an apprenticeship at the tailor's trade, and then traveled as a journeyman, working in different cities of Germany. In each place he received a certificate of good workmanship and character. While working in the Village of Lauterecken, in Bavaria, he met the Bock family, and falling in love with one of the daughters came to America with the entire family. They made the voyage on a sailing vessel and spent seven weeks battling with the waves before landing in New York City. Three of Henry Vester's brothers also came to the United States, Edward, who settled at Waverly, Julius, who located in Chillicothe, and William, who

went on a farm in Pike County. Henry A. Vester eventually moved to Pike County, Ohio, and was engaged in the tailor business at Omega, being employed by Mr. Vanachen. He remained there until 1880 and in the meantime bought a farm in Scioto Township of Ross County, 3½ miles from the courthouse, and was engaged in its operation until his death in 1903. Henry A. Vester married Dorothea Bock. She was born in Lauterecken, a town in the Rhenish Province of Bavaria, July 28, 1835. Her father Abraham Bock, a native Bavarian, came to America accompanied by his family and settled in Pike County, where he bought a farm, lived there about ten years, and then moved to Logan County, Illinois, where his death occurred. Mrs. Henry A. Vester died November 19, 1913.

One of eleven children, Victor H. Vester, grew up on a farm, received his education in the rural schools of Pike and Ross counties, and lived with his parents until they died. After the death of his father he bought the interests of the other heirs, and has since bought other land until his possessions now aggregate 170 acres of the fertile soil of Ross County. Besides the improvements which were there he has erected a commodious frame barn and other buildings and his place now ranks in value and in improvements with the best in that section. His business has been that of general farmer and fruit and poultry grower.

Mr. Vester married Emma England, who was born in Scioto Township, daughter of Warner and Nannie (Riley) England. They are the parents of four children, Adalina, Lyle, Vivian and Claude. Mrs. Vester is a member of the Walnut Street Methodist Church. Mr. Vester is an active member of the Grange, and of the board of education.

GOTTFRIED FRICK. To mention this name is to indicate one of the most successful agriculturists and landed proprietors of Ross County. Gottfried Frick is now living retired at his home at 207 Caldwell Street in Chillicothe, but for a long period of years he showed his enterprise with good results in different farming sections of Ross County, particularly in Scioto Township, and he has also rendered valuable service in behalf of community welfare.

His parents were Peter and Catherine Frick, both natives of Germany who emigrated to America with their family in 1838. It required nearly three months to cross the ocean, though the voyage can now be done in less than a week. The family first located in Pike County, Ohio, where Peter Frick followed farming until 1872. In that year he moved to Ross County and he and his wife spent the rest of their years with their son Gottfried. Peter died at the age of sixty-six and the mother in her seventy-second year.

Next to the oldest of the five children, Gottfried Frick was born at Rheinbern, Germany, August 28, 1837, and was just an infant brought to America. He grew up on a farm, attended public schools, and after reaching manhood his first venture was with a threshing outfit, and that business he followed during the season for several years. He then married Miss Mary Gahm of Jackson County, Ohio.

After his marriage Mr. Frick continued to live in Pike County for several years, and after coming to Ross County spent one year in Twin Township, and from there moved to Scioto Township. There he was first known as a renter and cultivated rented land for about seven years. He then bought what was known as the Sunbeck farm, and that was the nucleus of his operations, and around it he has accumulated real estate until his farm in that locality, comprises 280 acres. Besides the farm land he also had as an institution on the farm the old Paint Creek mill, an industry which he conducted for seventeen years. He also built a large mill at Portsmouth, but sold that to his son. Mr. Frick in many ways has been one of the most successful business men of Ross County, and at the present time besides his Ross County holdings he owns 647 acres of land on the Wabash River, and various properties in different localities.

He is now retired from the heavier responsibilities of his active career, but will always be kindly remembered in Scioto Township as well as in every other community where he has had his interests. In a public way his interest has been chiefly directed toward the development of educational facilities. During his residence of more than thirty-one years in Scioto Township he was a member of the school board almost continuously and was once elected to the position of land appraiser, but resigned before taking office. He is affiliated with Chillicothe Lodge No. 84, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in politics is a democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Frick have six children: George, a resident of Knox County, Indiana; Adam of Portsmouth, Ohio; John, whose home is in Missouri; Lena, wife of Ellsworth Kidnocker of Scioto Township; Christina and Catherine, both at home. The family attend the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Frick has been one of its active loyal members ever since 1863.

EDWARD MEGGENHOFEN, M. D. Prominent among the leading physicians and surgeons of Ross County was the late Edward Meggenhofen, of Chillicothe, a man of scientific thought and pursuits, and of eminent ability, who devoted his time and energies to the investigation of the causes of disease, and the best methods of treating the various ills to which flesh is heir. A son of Louis Meggenhofen, he was born May 18, 1857, on a farm lying near Anderson Station, Ross County, of German ancestry. His paternal grandfather, Carl Meggenhofen, a music teacher by profession, was a life-long resident of Frankfort on the Main, although four of his children, Minnie, Ferdinand, Louis, and Julia, emigrated to the United States.

Born in Germany, at Frankfort on the Main, Louis Meggenhofen was a man of culture, having while yet a youth received a liberal education. Coming to this country in early manhood, he was for several years a teacher in the public schools of Ross County. Locating in Chillicothe, he became active in public affairs, and as one of the first park commissioners took an intelligent interest in beautifying and improving the city, his superior knowledge of botany being of much help to him in the work

involved. He died in 1885, when but sixty-two years of age. He married Katherine Paulus, who was born in Lorain, France, and was brought to Ohio by her parents, and educated in Chillicothe. She died in 1914, leaving two sons, Edward and Charles.

Completing his preliminary education in the public schools, Edward Meggenhofen was engaged in the drug business in Chillicothe from 1876 until 1891. Taking up then the study of medicine, for which he had a natural taste and aptitude, he was graduated from the Kentucky School of Medicine with the class of 1893. Returning to his home city Doctor Meggenhofen formed a partnership with the widow of his former employer, and continued in the drug business under his name for three years. The doctor then disposed of his interest in the concern, and had afterward devoted himself entirely to the practice of his chosen profession in Chillicothe, where he gained a position of note among the most successful and skilful physicians of Ross County. Being a registered pharmacist, he dispensed the medicines which he prescribed, keeping at all times an ample supply on hand.

On September 8, 1881, Doctor Meggenhofen married Louise Kirkpatrick, who was born in Chillicothe, a daughter of Ephraim and Sarah Ann (Getler) Kirkpatrick. Her father enlisted February 4, 1864, in Company A, Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and at the Battle of Nashville, December 15, 1864, was mortally wounded, his death occurring two days later. Doctor and Mrs. Meggenhofen had three children, namely: Laura, wife of William Greenbaum; Anna, wife of Walter S. Barrett, of whom a sketch may be found elsewhere in this volume; and Katherine, wife of Garrett S. Claypool.

On August 23, 1916, Doctor Meggenhofen died from injuries received in the accidental turning over of his automobile.

J. G. KEEPERS. A successful merchant of Fruitdale, Ross County, J. G. Keepers is also serving in the capacity of agent for the D. T. & I. Railroad at this point and for the American Express Company. From his youth he has been identified with railroad work, a field in which he worked his own way upward to a responsible position, while as a merchant he has won equal success, although his experience in this direction has been of much shorter duration. Mr. Keepers is a native son of Ross County, having been born on a farm in Paxton Township, May 9, 1865, his parents being Henry and Elizabeth (Swope) Keepers.

The Keepers family has been long established in Ross County, having been founded here at an early date by the paternal grandfather of J. G. Keepers, who migrated from Baltimore, Maryland, and settled on a new farm in Paxton Township. There he rounded out his career as a farmer and attained a ripe old age. Henry Keepers was born in Paxton Township, not far from the birthplace of his son, and was there educated and reared as a farmer. After his marriage he located at Cold Springs, in Paxton Township, at a point known as Keepers Riffles, which community continued to be his home until his death, in 1880. Mrs. Keepers continued to live there until 1886, when she went to Humboldt, and there

her home has been located to the present time. She was born at Benner's Forge, near Bainbridge, Ross County, and is the mother of six children: Ed, who lives at Thrifton, Ross County; Elizabeth, who is the wife of J. W. Sweeney, of Point Township; J. G.; Eva, who is the wife of Charles Keneval; Henry, who resides in Point Township; and Mary, of Des Moines, Iowa.

J. G. Keepers received his education in the district school, and at the age of fourteen years, when his father died, began to contribute to the family income. His employment as a youth was on the home farm and among the agriculturists of the vicinity, but at the age of twenty-one years turned his attention to railroad affairs and secured employment as a section hand in the maintenance of way department of the D. T. & I. Railroad. After four years in this capacity he was advanced to section foreman, and filled that post for sixteen years, being later made roadmaster and division superintendent. Finally, in 1910, he came to Fruitdale, in the capacity of agent, and since that time has also discharged the duties of agent for the American Express Company. After coming to this place he entered mercantile affairs, and has built up an excellent patronage for his general store. Mr. Keepers is progressive in his methods and a shrewd, capable business man, who wastes no opportunities and who watches closely the needs of his trade. He does not allow his business interests to interfere with the discharge of his duties as agent, however, and has made many friends by the courteous and obliging manner in which he handles the railroad and express matters at this point.

Mr. Keepers was married March 21, 1889, to Miss Ida Iseman, daughter of Mrs. Nancy Iseman, and they have four children: Florence and Zada, who reside at home; and Frank and James, deceased, the former of whom died when seven months old and the latter at the age of four years. Mr. Keepers is interested in fraternal matters, being a popular member of the Modern Woodmen of America Camp at Greenfield. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has always taken an active part in its affairs, having been a member of the board of trustees and a steward for years, and for the past five years superintendent of the Sunday school. Like her husband, Mrs. Keepers is interested in religious work and assists in the various movements of the church. In political views Mr. Keepers is a republican and has always been an active worker in his party's ranks. He served as trustee of Point Township for one term and in 1915 was elected township clerk, a position which he now holds, his term expiring in 1917. He finds recreation from his business and his duties in gardening, and for the past six years has been engaged therein. As a citizen who is taking an active part in the life of the community, he holds a firmly established place, and in each field in which his activities are centered he has the respect and confidence of those with whom he has worked.

FRANK E. BAIRD. Belonging to the young and progressive farming element to which Ross County must look for its future agricultural

development, Frank E. Baird has passed his entire life in the community in which he now resides in Point Township. He belongs to a family well known in Ross County, whose members have always been engaged in farming, but who have also been prominent in educational, religious and political affairs, and the name is one that has always stood for progress and good citizenship. Frank E. Baird is showing himself worthy of bearing the name, and if his past accomplishments may be taken as a criterion for the future, should add luster to it.

Mr. Baird was born on the farm which he now occupies, in Paint Township, on the Greenfield and Bainbridge Pike, one-half mile from Fruitdale, April 29, 1888, his parents being W. A. and Alice R. (Ross) Baird. The founder of the family in Ross County was John W. Baird, the grandfather of Frank E., who came here at an early date from Zanesville, Ohio, and here passed the rest of his life as a farmer. His son, W. A. Baird, was born at Slate Mills, Ross County, May 8, 1853. He completed his education in the schools of South Salem. He was there married to Miss Alice R. Ross, who was born in Buckskin Township, Ross County, July 2, 1853, and after their marriage they took up their residence on the farm now occupied by Frank E. Baird. Mr. Baird was a man of inherent ability and tireless industry. When he started his career he had only small means, but through hard work and perseverance he won success as an agriculturist, accumulated much land as the years passed, and at the time of his death, April 18, 1915, was accounted one of the well-to-do men of his community. He was much more than a mere seeker after material things, however, for he always found time to aid his community and to lend assistance to those who were worthy and needy. In his locality he was known as a man of strict integrity, and in business circles his word was sufficient to close a contract, without scratch of pen. Politically a republican, he took an active part in the affairs of his party, and for two consecutive terms, from 1890 to 1894, was county committeeman from his district. His religious belief was that of the Presbyterian Church and he lived his faith. For several years he served as deacon of the church, and just prior to his death had been re-elected for that position, but did not live to assume its duties. Mrs. Baird, who survives him, is a member of the same church and has taken an active part in its work. Mr. and Mrs. Baird were the parents of four children, namely: Mary V., who is the wife of H. S. Thomas, manager of the factory of the E. T. McLain Company, at Chatham, Ontario, Canada; Effie, who died in infancy; Ruth A., who is the wife of J. A. Brown, of South Salem, Ohio, connected with the United States service; and Frank E., of this review.

Frank E. Baird was granted good educational advantages, attending the district school and South Salem Academy. After his graduation from the latter he returned to the home farm, where he has always remained, and at the time of his father's demise, assumed its management. He now has control of 230 acres of valuable and fertile land, which produces good crops and has been brought to a high state of cultivation. Mr. Baird has proved himself a practical farmer, with a

profound respect for the established methods of the past, but who is not slow to realize the beneficial results to be attained by an intelligent use of modern machinery and methods. He is adding to the improvements on the homestead, and if his plans are carried out, this will be one of the finest farms in southwestern Ross County. He was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, in the work of which he takes an active part, and for the past two or three years has been a deacon. His political support is given to the republican party, but his political aspirations, if he has had any, have been put aside in favor of his farming interests.

Mr. Baird was married October 16, 1912, to Miss Lucy M. Parrett, daughter of George C. and Fannie (Pinkerton) Parrett. She was born at Bloomsburg, Fayette County, Ohio, came as a girl to Buckskin Township, and is a graduate of the Greenfield High School, which she attended while living near South Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Baird are the parents of two children: Helen Louise and Weldon Alexander.

BARZILLIA TAYLOR. One of the old and honored citizens of Paint Township, both in longevity and length of residence, and still one of that township's energetic and successful farmers, is Barzillia Taylor. Through a long life of useful endeavor and honest achievement he has been connected with the agricultural interests of his community, and at this time is the owner of 265 acres of fertile land, located on the Greenfield and Rapid Forge Pike, $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Greenfield and seven miles from Bainbridge.

Mr. Taylor was born in Paint Township, Ross County, Ohio, on the old Taylor homestead farm, April 8, 1845, and is a son of Pierce and Rebecca (Warren) Taylor. His grandfather was John Taylor, a native of Pennsylvania, who left the Keystone State in young manhood, settled in Paint Township, and there devoted himself to farming. From small beginnings he became one of the substantial men of his community, so that when his sons were ready to start out in the world on their own account he gave to each 100 acres of land, and still had a large amount of property left at the time of his death. Pierce Taylor was born on a part of his father's farm and received the education afforded by the district schools of his day and community. On reaching man's estate he was given his share of the property by his father, and continued to cultivate it until 1865, when he disposed of his interests therein and bought another property, which was located nearer to the schoolhouse. There he rounded out his career, and at the time of his death was one of his community's well-to-do men. He was a good citizen who had a part in movements for the betterment of his locality, and held the respect and esteem of those with whom he came into contact. Mr. Taylor married Rebecca Warren, who was born near Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio, where she was educated and grew to womanhood. She was a gentle Christian woman who reared her children to lives of industry and honesty and who was her husband's faithful companion in all his fortunes. They were the parents of five children, namely: Amanda, who died as

the wife of John A. Hewitt; Abraham W., who is also deceased; Barzillia, of this review; Sarah N., who is the wife of William Bennett, of Jeffersonville, Ohio; and Mary Angeline, who is the wife of John Milligan, an agriculturist of Buckskin Township, Ross County.

The district schools of Paint Township furnished Barzillia Taylor with his educational training, and he grew up on the home farm, where he was given the benefit of his father's knowledge as to matters agricultural. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage, January 12, 1864, when he settled in a small house on the farm on which he now resides. Later he built a more commodious residence, on the road, and this has continued to be his home to the present time. From the outset of his career Mr. Taylor was an energetic and painstaking man, fulfilling his obligations with conscientious exactness, and in his work exemplifying the belief that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well. These things have been characteristic of him throughout his life and have played a large share in the winning of his success. His farm of 265 acres is attractively and conveniently situated on the Greenfield and Rapid Forge Pike, almost midway between the large commercial centers of Bainbridge and Greenfield, and presents a handsome appearance, with modern buildings and other improvements, well-tilled and well-fenced fields and a general air of prosperity. In former years Mr. Taylor raised a good grade of livestock, but recently, owing to advancing age, Mr. Taylor disposed of his cattle, hogs and sheep, and now devotes himself entirely to general farming.

On January 12, 1864, Mr. Taylor was married to Mary Francis Harris, who was born and reared in Buckskin Township, Ross County, daughter of Ignatius and Elizabeth Harris. To this union there have been born three children: Alvada, who is the widow of Myley Boyles and lives in Ross County; Harley N., residing on the old homestead in Paint Township; and Stewart, of Highland County. Mr. Taylor is an out and out democrat, but has never mixed in political affairs. He has served as township trustee for one term and as school director, and has always been generous in his support of measures making for better morals, better education and more advanced citizenship.

CHARLES O. FREE. Many years of connection with the agricultural interests of Ross County has established for Charles O. Free a reputation for ability, resource and unflagging energy. He is one of the captains of industry who have piloted their own craft to harbor, and at the present time is the owner of a magnificent property consisting of 910 acres, located on the Rapid Forge and Greenfield Road, in Paint Township.

Charles O. Free was born on a farm in Paxton Township, Ross County, Ohio, November 1, 1859, and is a son of Isaac and Nancy (Ogle) Free. His paternal grandfather was George Free, who was born in Pennsylvania, and who as a young man, shortly after 1800, came to Ross County and settled close to old Rapid Forge, where he was manager of the outside part of the Forge farm. Later he bought a property

of his own, and the closing years of his life were passed in farming in Paint Township. He was one of the substantial pioneers of Ross County and established a reputation for integrity and fair dealing which those who have followed him have substantiated. Isaac Free was born at Rapid Forge, Paint Township, where he was educated in the public schools, and when still a young man began agricultural operations on his own account. He commenced his career as a renter, but through industry and perseverance became a farm owner, and his good management and business ability enabled him to accumulate 280 acres of land, which he owned at the time of his death. He and his wife were the parents of the following children, all of whom grew to maturity: Charles O., of this review; Julia, who is the wife of Warren Ogle; Joseph, who is deceased; Lena, who is the wife of Robert Dill, of Jeffersonville, Ohio; Lizzie, a resident of Carmel, Ohio; Ella, who is deceased; John, of Carmel, Ohio; Alfred, whose home is at Bainbridge; and Mattie, the wife of David Jones, of Bourneville, Ohio.

Charles O. Free received his education in the district schools of Paxton Township and passed his boyhood, youth and young manhood on the homestead. At the age of twenty-eight years he left the parental roof and entered upon a career of his own as a renter of a part of the Austin Pepple farm in Paxton Township. He was a renter for four years, but at the end of the third season formed a partnership with his brother, Joseph Free, and A. Clark West, the three buying 261 acres of land in Paint Township, adjoining the Pepple place. Later the Free brothers bought Mr. West's interests, and continued to farm together until the death of Joseph Free, in March, 1915. They had started with but small means and poor equipment, but so successful were their operations that at one time they owned 1,400 acres of highly cultivated land, with the best of machinery and buildings, and when death dissolved the partnership they had in their possession more than 1,000 acres. Since the death of his brother, Charles O. Free has continued alone, and still is meeting with excellent and deserved success. His 910-acre property is devoted to the raising of all the standard products of this locality, and he also gives some attention to the growing of a good grade of livestock. Mr. Free has inherited the industry, tenacity of purpose and acuteness of his worthy progenitors, which are apparent in the success of his operations, while the spirit of modern progress is evidenced in his up-to-date buildings and highly improved machinery.

In October, 1897, Mr. Free was married to Miss Ida Swindell, who was born in Madison County, Indiana, a daughter of Ashley Swindell. Mr. and Mrs. Free have four bright and interesting children: Arthur, Herman, Helm and John, all of whom are attending school. Fraternally, Mr. Free is affiliated with Bainbridge Lodge, No. 4, Knights of Pythias. With the members of his family, he belongs to Bainbridge Methodist Episcopal Church. A democrat in political matters, he has been active in the ranks of his party. Mr. Free has been one of the prime factors in the advancement of the cause of education in his community, having been a member of the township school board for the past twenty years,

and at the present time is a member of the county school board, with three more years to serve to complete his present term.

JOHN W. POOL. One of the old families of Paint Township, Ross County, Ohio, bears the name of Pool. It was founded here generations ago and its members have always been numbered with the industrious, intelligent, useful and law-abiding class. Through their energy they have done much in advancing the best interests of their communities, and through personal integrity they have preserved the honor of a name not unknown in the history of many states of the Union. A prominent member of this family in Ross County is John W. Pool, whose valuable farm of 160 acres lies along the Upper Twin Road in Paint Township.

John W. Pool was born October 21, 1874, on the Lower Twin Road, Twin Township, Ross County. His parents are Peter and Hannah (Palmer) Pool, both of whom were born in 1840 on the Lower Twin Road. They are among the most highly respected residents of the township. They became the parents of nine children: Frank, who is a farmer in Twin Township; Alice, who is the widow of Thomas Miller; Joseph, who is a carpenter and contractor at Chillicothe; Ada, who is the wife of W. T. Long; John W.; Ona, who is the wife of William Free, of Paint Township; Altha, who is the wife of Edward Hostetter, of Iron-ton, Ohio; and Rosa and an infant, both deceased.

John W. Pool was reared on the home farm and remained assisting his father until he was twenty-one years of age, in the meanwhile attending the district schools, in which he has always taken much interest, and in later years has served on the township school board. Mr. Pool has always been a farmer and stock raiser and in his neighborhood is considered a very judicious one. He raises a fine grade of cattle and hogs and finds a ready market for all his products.

Mr. Pool was married August 17, 1898, to Miss Ida Sheely, who was born on the old Sheely homestead and in the very house in which she has always lived. Mr. and Mrs. Pool have five children, namely: Ruth, who was born in 1899; Harold, born in 1902; Raymond, born in 1908; Joseph, born in 1910; and Dwight, born in 1914. Mr. Pool is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and has a comfortable insurance in that order. Politically he is a democrat and has served with satisfaction to all concerned in township offices, and during his term as road supervisor brought about much improvement.

VALENTINE RICE. A man of unquestioned business ability and indefatigable enterprise, Valentine Rice, whose death occurred on the 1st of October, 1915, was one of the foremost citizens of Chillicothe, conspicuously identified in an official capacity with many of the leading industries of Southern Ohio. A native of Germany, he was born, January 17, 1846, in the Village of Alvesheim, Bavaria, which was the birthplace of his father, Henry Reis, and where his paternal grandparents spent their entire lives.

Born October 8, 1818, Henry Reis grew to manhood in his native

village, and as a young man served in the German army. He followed his trade of ladies' tailor several years, but during the troublous times of 1846-47 his sympathies were so clearly with the Revolutionists that he found it to his advantage to leave the fatherland. Coming, therefore, to America in 1848, he located in New York, where his family joined him a few months later, and was there a resident for six years. In 1854 he removed with his family to Ohio, settling in Chillicothe, where he was engaged in business as a merchant tailor until his death, September 21, 1895.

The maiden name of the wife of Henry Reis was Phillipena Bolander. She was born in Bavaria, in Avelsheim, and died February 8, 1872, in Chillicothe. She reared four children, as follows: Valentine, the subject of this sketch, who now spells his name in the English style "Rice"; Margaret, deceased; Phillipena, who married Nicholas Pfaltzgraff, and reared five sons, three of whom became ministers in the Methodist Episcopal denomination; and Otto, who died in early life, leaving one son.

Valentine Rice was but eighteen months old when brought to America, and eight years when he came to Chillicothe to live. He acquired his early education in the public schools, being a pupil when the scholars of the different rooms formed an organization for the purpose of giving entertainments to the children, charging at first as admission price two pins, but afterwards, probably owing to the great demand for tickets, raising the price to one penny. Valentine, though young, was one of the principal performers at the entertainments, and that having been at the time when Dan Rice was the most popular circus man in the country, he was called "Daniel Reis" for many years, and entered the army under that name.

Leaving school at the age of twelve years, Valentine Rice worked for a few months in the office of the Scioto Valley Gazette, after which he began to learn the tailor's trade, and while thus employed operated the first Singer sewing machine brought into Chillicothe. Mr. Rice followed his trade until 1864, when he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Going with his command to the front, he reached Virginia in season to take part in one of its battles, and was subsequently with his regiment in all of its marches and engagements until the expiration of his term of enlistment, when he was honorably discharged from the service. It was the brigade to which Mr. Rice's regiment was attached that stood guard at the stone bridge crossing a stream and gallantly held back the enemy until reenforcements came, thus opposing the entrance of the Southern army into Nashville. For that act, and other services, the brigade received the personal thanks of President Lincoln, and Mr. Rice had a copy with President Lincoln's signature attached.

After his return from the war, Mr. Rice learned the tanner's trade, and followed the business until it ceased to be profitable in this section of the country. He then entered the employ of the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad Company, later known as the C., W. B. Railway Company, and now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio System, at first being a

sealer of cars, but later connected with the transportation department. On April 1, 1888, Mr. Rice resigned his position with the company, which presented him at that time the handsome gold watch he afterward carried as a testimonial of their appreciation of his services.

When the free delivery mail service was established in Chillicothe, Mr. Rice was appointed as a carrier, but resigned at the end of six weeks to accept a position as superintendent of the Chillicothe Coal Company. He remained in that capacity until natural gas was brought into the city, when he purchased the plant, which he managed ably and acceptably until his death. As a young man, Mr. Rice was chief engineer of the Chillicothe Relief Fire Company until the paid department was organized. He was officially associated with various important organizations, being president of the Chillicothe Creamery Company; and of the Hocking Valley Fire Clay Company, which is located at Nelsonville, Ohio, and has a capacity of 44,000 bricks a day, employing in its work from 80 to 85 men. He was vice president of the Webster Brick Company, at South Webster, Ohio, which employs 100 men, and has a capacity of 32,000 bricks a day. He was secretary and treasurer of the Mohawk Coal Company, at Jackson, Ohio, which employs 80 miners; and was financially interested in the Puritan Brick Company, at Hamden, Ohio, and also in the Casualty Insurance Company of Cincinnati.

Mr. Rice married, October 29, 1872, Mary Elizabeth Kesler, a native of Chillicothe. Her father, Adam Kesler, was born, reared and married in Bavaria. Immigrating to this country, he carried on general farming in Ross County, Ohio, for a number of years, and then located in Chillicothe, where he was engaged in teaming until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Rice have reared seven children, namely: Flora E., Jay V., Nolan H., Edgar D., Ross P., Pearl K., and Clark C. Flora is the wife of Charles Metzger. Jay has been twice married, his first wife, and the mother of his three children, Charlotte E., Russell Alger and Elizabeth A., having been before her marriage Ada Shears. Nolan married Rebecca Walters. Edgar married Maude Poland, and they have two children, Nile P. and Charles E. Ross P., who married Maude Uhrig, has three children, Howard E., Daniel O., and Paul R. Pearl married Nellie Goldsburg, and they have one daughter, Dorothy.

True to the religious faith, in which he was reared, Mr. Rice was a member of the German Lutheran Church. Politically he cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, but during the latter part of his life was independent, voting with the courage of his convictions for the best men and measures. Prominent in public affairs, Mr. Rice served on the Chillicothe Board of Education for eight years; was a member of the board of public service two years; and served as president of the city council. He was a member, and past commander of A. L. Brown Post, No. 162, Grand Army of the Republic; a member and past chancellor of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 28, Knights of Pythias; and a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and past grand sachem for the State of Ohio.

WILLIAM A. FREE. Of the progressive and energetic exponents of agriculture and stock raising, Paint Township may well place reliance upon such enterprising native sons of Ross County as William A. Free, who, with the exception of several years, has passed his entire career within the limits of this county. Since 1910 he has been living on his farm of 213 acres on the Greenfield Turnpike, four miles from Bainbridge, where he has developed an excellent property, the ownership of which makes him one of the substantial representatives of the agricultural element in this section.

Mr. Free was born on Cleft Run, Paint Township, Ross County, Ohio, October 30, 1862, and is a son of Nat and Charity (Parker) Free. Nat Free was born near Rapid Forge, at the mouth of Cleft Run, a son of George Free, who came to Paint Township from Pennsylvania among the earliest settlers, located on a farm, developed a well-cultivated and productive property, and was known as a farmer in comfortable circumstances and a citizen who had the respect and esteem of his fellows. Nat Free was only two years old when his mother died, but he was well reared and received a good education for his day and locality. He was brought up on Cleft Run, and after his marriage settled on a farm in the vicinity of his boyhood home. In 1866, with his wife and children, he moved to Paint Township and purchased the farm on which his son now lives, here spending the rest of his life. Mr. Free was an energetic and industrious agriculturist, practical in his ideas and ready to try new methods. He started his career with practically nothing, and so well were his efforts directed and so ably were his affairs managed, that at the time of his death he was the owner of about 1,100 acres of good land. Quiet and unassuming in manner, he did not court publicity nor seek public office, his ambitions being realized in the making of a good home and the securing of a good education for his children. Mr. Free married Charity Parker, who was born in North Carolina and came to Ross County when 12 years old. They became the parents of eleven children, of whom nine are now living: Frank, a resident of Mississippi; William A., of this review; John M., a resident of the State of Washington; Alice, the wife of Jess Mossberger, of Harpers Station, Ohio; Lizzie, the wife of George Crutcher, of Paxton Township; Ed; Carrie, who is now Mrs. Lydon Smith, of Paint Township; George, who died young; Charles H., of Paint Township; Robert, who died at the age of three years; and Sam, of Paint Township.

The district schools of Paint Township furnished William A. Free with his educational training, and until he was twenty-four years of age he was his father's assistant on the home farm. At that time he entered upon a career of his own, and after three years in Paint Township, went to Jefferson Township, Fayette County, where he rented for two years, was employed by the month for a time, and then rented again. On his return to Paint Township he located on the farm where Charles Free now resides, and on which he remained for three or four years, or until the spring of 1910, when he came to his present farm. He has 213 acres under a high state of cultivation, and has substantial buildings and

improvements of a modern character. Mr. Free is a believer in up-to-date methods, and the success which has attended his efforts would seem to indicate that he has the right idea. He takes an interest in the affairs that affect the community's welfare and the well-being of its people, and has not been backward in volunteering his aid in progressive enterprises. He exercises his political right of franchise as a democrat.

Mr. Free was married April 27, 1907, to Miss Leona Pool, daughter of Peter and Hannah Pool. To this union there were born twin daughters, September 16, 1908: Hazel, who is attending school, and Ruth, who died July 5, 1909.

EDWARD FREE. It has been the fortune of Edward Free to have realized many of his early ambitions, and through the exercise of good judgment, industry and business sagacity, to have wrested from his opportunities financial and general success. He is now the owner of 400 acres of good land, lying on Bainbridge Rural Route No. 3, in Paint Township, the greater part of which has been self-acquired, and his standing in the community stamps him as a worthy representative of a family that has long contributed to the development and advancement of this part of the county.

Mr. Free was born on his father's farm in Paint Township, July 30, 1867, and is a son of Nathaniel and Charity (Parker) Free, and a great-grandson of a Hessian soldier who came to America to fight against the colonists during the War of the Revolution, but who remained to become a citizen of the new country. George Free, the grandfather of Edward Free, was born in Pennsylvania and came to Ross County among the early settlers, here establishing a home and developing a fertile and productive farm. He was known for his good citizenship and his sterling qualities of character, and had the unreserved respect and confidence of the people among whom he made his home. His son, Nathaniel Free, was born in 1832, in Paint Township, near Rapid Forge, at the mouth of Cleft Run, and although he lost his mother when he was two years old, was well reared and well educated. He was brought up on Cleft Run, and in 1866, with his wife and children, moved to the farm in Paint Township which is now occupied by his son, William A. Free, where he passed the remainder of his life. An industrious and energetic agriculturist, he was practical in his views, although always ready to experiment with new ideas, and from practically nothing at the outset of his career, became the owner of nearly 1,100 acres of valuable land. He was a democrat and somewhat active in local politics, but did not seek public office, contenting himself with cultivating his farm, making a good home and educating his children. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Free married Charity Parker, who was born in 1842, in North Carolina, and was a girl when she came with her parents to Ross County. They became the parents of eleven children, of whom nine are living: Frank, who was a teacher in the local schools for four terms, and now a farmer in Mississippi; William A., who is farming the old homestead of 213 acres, located on the Green-

field Turnpike in Paint Township; John W., who resides in the West; Alice, the wife of Jefferson Mossberger, of Harpers Station, Ohio; Elizabeth, who is the wife of George Kretzer, of Bainbridge, Ohio; Edward, of this notice; Carrie, who is now Mrs. Lydon Smith, of Paint Township; George, who died in youth; Charles H., who is farming a fine property of 200 acres in Paint Township; Robert, who died at the age of three years; and Samuel, who is farming in Paint Township.

Edward Free was reared on the home farm in Paint Township and received his education in the district schools, which he attended until he was about nineteen years of age. At that time he began farming for his father, and was employed by the elder man at a salary of \$150 per year, feeding cattle. He continued to be so employed until he was twenty-five years of age, when he decided to start farming on his own account, and February 22, 1894, was married to Miss Alice Michael, who was born in 1876, at Roxabell, Ohio, and there educated. Mr. and Mrs. Free began married life with but few resources, but were willing and energetic workers, and soon had a comfortable home and a productive farm. They have continued to add to their property, and at the present time there are 400 acres in the home place, the greater part of which they have accumulated without outside help. Mr. Free has nice buildings and a good equipment and cultivates his property along modern lines, thus being able to secure a full measure of profit from his labor. He has an excellent reputation in the community for fair and honorable dealing, and as a citizen takes a leading part in all progressive movements. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Bainbridge, and politically is a democrat. His public service includes membership on the township board of trustees, a position which he holds at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Free are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fruitdale, and have been generous in their support of its movements. They are the parents of three children: Harold E., born in January, 1896; Paul T., born in May, 1902; and Margaret, born in September, 1907.

ALMER HEGLER. Though a resident of Wayne Township, in Fayette County, Almer Hegler has for years been closely identified with Ross County affairs, and represents one of the oldest and most honored names in that part of Ohio.

The Hegler family settled in Ross County more than a century ago. He is descended from an ancestry who lived near Basle, Switzerland, and came to America in 1746, locating in the Colony of Virginia. While living there he was killed by Indians. A son of this Swiss emigrant was Sebastian Hegler, who was born either in Virginia or Switzerland. In 1763 Sebastian bought a tract of land on the south branch of the Potomac River, but later moved to Greene County, Ohio, where he remained until his death. A son of Sebastian was Jacob Hegler, great-grandfather of Almer Hegler. Jacob was born in Hardy County, Virginia, now West Virginia, and late in life he came to Ohio and settled in Concord Town-

ship of Ross County. There he bought land, but after some years moved to Greene County and there spent his last days. The maiden name of Jacob's wife was Mary Dice. She spent her last years in Concord Township of Ross County.

The most notable member of the Hegler family in the early days of Ross County was Col. Abraham Hegler, grandfather of Almer Hegler. Colonel Abraham was born in Hardy County, Virginia, was reared and married there, and in 1809 took his bride on a horseback journey to Ohio. It would be difficult to draw an adequate picture of Ohio at that time. Practically the entire state was an unbroken wilderness and the Indians still held large portions as their favorite hunting ground. The Virginia military lands could be bought at that time at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$2.50 an acre. Colonel Abraham located in Concord Township of Ross County, bought land on Herrod's Creek, and there erected a log cabin which was the first home of the Hegler family in Ohio. He was not an ordinary man. In his business affairs he was known as a very enterprising and progressive farmer of that day, and as he kept investing and reinvesting his surplus means in additional lands until at the time of his death he owned about 5,000 acres in Concord Township of Ross County and Wayne Township of Fayette County. His possessions extended along both sides of the Chillicothe and Washington Pike from the north fork of Paint Creek west five miles into Fayette County. He was one of the largest land owners of Ohio. He continued to reside at his home in Concord Township until his death in 1865.

He was equally conspicuous in public affairs and in the inauguration of several important movements which made history and civilization in his part of Ohio. He was commissioned a justice of the peace by Governor Return J. Meigs in 1813. His grandson, Almer Hegler, has Colonel Abraham's commission as captain in the state militia, colonel and lieutenant-colonel. He also served as a member of the State Legislature in 1838-39. Col. Abraham Hegler was a member of the Ohio Importing Company, formed for the purpose of importing Shorthorn cattle. There are still to be found on farms in Ross and Fayette counties cattle that are direct descendants from the Shorthorns imported by this company many years ago. Colonel Hegler was also one of the promoters of the Marietta and Cincinnati Railroad, now a part of the Baltimore and Ohio system, and was a director of the company that built this road. Col. Abraham Hegler married for his first wife Elizabeth Shobe, who was born in Virginia, a daughter of Rudolph Shobe, also a native of that state. She died in 1813. His second wife was Dolly Stookey, who was born in Virginia, and died in 1858. She was the grandmother of Almer Hegler.

Milton Hegler, father of Almer, was born in Concord Township of Ross County, March 21, 1816. Born 100 years ago, his early advantages were those of the primitive schools existing in Ross County at the time, and he became practiced in those arts of woodcraft and husbandry such as the pioneers developed to a high state of proficiency.

He always followed farming as his vocation. After his marriage he located on a part of his father's possessions in Wayne Township of Fayette County. There he erected a fine set of buildings close to the county line, and died there after a life of unusual productiveness, in 1897. Milton Hegler married Abigail DeWitt, who was born in Wayne Township, Fayette County, a daughter of Henry DeWitt. Henry DeWitt was born in Kentucky, became an early settler in Fayette County, buying 100 acres of land in Wayne Township from Duncan McArthur for \$1 an acre. Late in life he returned to Kentucky, and died there. Henry DeWitt married Abigail Davis, a native of Kentucky, who died in Wayne Township. Abigail DeWitt Hegler died in 1858. Milton Hegler afterwards married Sarah Jane McCoy. By the first marriage there were two children: Lawson and Almer. Milton Hegler by his second wife had four children, named Dora, Orris, David S. and Iva B.

Almer Hegler was born on his father's estate in Wayne Township of Fayette County, November 17, 1854. With an early training that adapted him for the work of farming, he has made that his regular vocation. After his father's health failed he took charge of the home farm and continued its active management until his father's death. In the meantime he engaged in business at Washington Court House as secretary and treasurer of the M. Hamm Company. This company manufactured fertilizers on a large scale. Though actively identified with the company, Mr. Hegler continued to reside on the old farm. He now owns and occupies the house which his father built in 1870. It is a stately and commodious brick house, a landmark in that part of Ohio, surrounded by an expanse of lawn beautified by shade and ornamental trees and is one of the pleasantest country estates in Southern Ohio.

Mr. Hegler has always been a close student of Ohio history, and has done much to encourage a proper interest in the subject and also to preserve many of the relics of bygone days. During his extensive travels over the United States he has given particular attention to the collecting of Indian relics of all kinds, and is an authority on many phases of American archæology. Evidence of this is found in the fact that he is one of the committee of four in charge of the Archæological and Historical Museum of Ohio at Columbus.

At the age of thirty-two Mr. Hegler married Mrs. Laura (McCoy) Thompson. She was born near Good Hope, in Wayne Township, Fayette County, a daughter of Allen and Malinda McCoy.

JOHN WRIGHT is one of the sterling agriculturists of Deerfield Township, and represents some of that sturdy and industrious stock that first peopled this section of Ohio.

He was born in Union Township of Ross County January 1, 1866, a son of Stephen Wright and a grandson of Peter Wright. Peter Wright was a native Virginian. From that state he moved to Ohio, and was one of the early men to establish a home in Ross County. The land he purchased was covered with timber and located in Union Township. His hard work enabled him to clear a farm from the woods, and he lived

there honorable and upright until his death, November 16, 1861. Peter Wright married Sarah Corbin, who was born in the State of Delaware, a daughter of William Corbin. She died January 28, 1875, at the age of seventy-four, having reared four sons, named Peter, Joshua, John and Stephen, and four daughters, Eliza, Luvina, Nancy and Drusilla.

Stephen Wright was born in Union Township of Ross County in 1833. As a young man he rented land from his father, and his success enabled him to purchase the old homestead, which he occupied and managed very successfully until his death, on October 23, 1906. On February 14, 1852, Stephen Wright married Nancy Justice. Mrs. Wright, who is still living, at the age of eighty-three, was born in a log cabin in Newton Township, November 8, 1833. Her father, Lemuel Justice, was a son of Isaac and Mrs. (Evans) Justice, both natives of Virginia and early settlers of Union Township, where they spent their lives. Lemuel Justice as a young man assisted in constructing the Erie Canal. His sons purchased a home for him in Pickaway County, not far from Yellowbud, and there he passed away March 11, 1876. Mrs. Stephen Wright was one of four sons and five daughters, namely: William, Matilda, Mary, Jane, Nancy, Sarah, Lemuel, Stephen Corbin and James Polk.

Mrs. Stephen Wright grew up among pioneer scenes. As a young woman she learned to cook by the open fireplace, and there was no stove in her home until she had been married more than a year. She also learned to spin both flax and wool. She still has at her home two beautiful coverlets which represent the intricate handiwork of the women of an older generation. Though bearing the weight of many years, she is still possessed of all her mental faculties, and talks very entertainingly of pioneer days in Ross County. She reared nine children, Lafayette, Mary, Peter, Sarah, Douglas, John, Elmer, Charles and William.

Mr. John Wright has always lived at home with his parents. He was the solace and standby of his father and mother in their old age, and after his father's death he and his mother continued to occupy the old homestead until 1912, when he bought a pleasant home in Deerfield Township, where he and his mother still reside.

SIMON R. DIXON. Among the early settlers into Ross County from Virginia came Joseph Dixon. He was a man of good judgment and when he entered 640 acres of land, on section 13, in Liberty Township, he had not only taken into consideration the lay of the land, its valuable patches of timber and the evident fertility of the soil, but had also noted the depth of the water branches and considered the possibility of erecting mills at a later date. The patent for this land is still in the possession of the family, the signature of Andrew Jackson, President of the United States, being as easily deciphered as when "Old Hickory" placed it there. A sturdy, industrious man, he built a cabin and gradually improved his property, on which he lived until his death, long before that time having built both a grist and carding mill. In those days these were almost necessities, and proved to be an added source of

income to the enterprising pioneer. He was survived by two sons, Joseph and Abel.

During the father's lifetime the 640 acres had remained intact. When the sons made an equal division, the south 320 acres fell to Abel's share and the north 320 to Joseph, this being the part on which the mills stood. These mills Joseph continued to operate in connection with farming, and spent his life on that place. To his marriage ten children were born, and one of these, Fulton Dixon, lives in Texas, he being the only survivor. Joseph Dixon, like his father, was an industrious, honorable and upright man.

The late Simon R. Dixon, son and grandson of Joseph Dixon, for many years was a man of prominence in Ross County. He grew up on the old homestead in Liberty Township and attended the district schools. His life was mainly devoted to agricultural pursuits, but on many occasions he was called to positions of public responsibility because of his sterling character. Liberty Township benefited when he accepted public office, such as township trustee, as did Ross County when he was elected county commissioner. In him the republican party found a staunch supporter.

To the marriage of Simon R. Dixon twelve children were born, eight daughters and four sons. Minnie, Ethel and Mary are deceased. Ella J. is a resident of New York City. Alma is the widow of Charles S. Jones, and Elizabeth is the wife of Lawrence Climer. Charles W. and Edwin reside at home. Vernon W. married Miss Mabel Shook and they live in Cincinnati. Grace married Harford Jenks and lives in Columbus. Edith married Robert Jones and lives in Chillicothe. Harry married Blanch Erath and lives in Liberty Township. Mrs. Dixon, with some members of her immediate family, resides in a beautiful residence, an ideal country home, near Gillespieville, Ohio. The Dixons, through Revolutionary ancestors making them eligible, are members of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution. For very many years this has been one of Ross County's representative families.

ARSENE J. JONES, whose farm of ninety acres is located on the northern edge of the Village of Vigo, belongs to the younger generation of the agricultural element which must be depended upon to preserve the farming prestige of the County of Ross in the coming years. He has passed his entire life within the limits of the county and is a farmer by training and inclination, having displayed already in his career those qualities which go to make up the successful and progressive tiller of the soil. He was born on a farm in Liberty Township, Ross County, Ohio, now occupied by his father, September 23, 1884, and is a son of Thomas C. and Martha (Rittenour) Jones.

The Jones family is one which is one of the best known and oldest in Ross County. It was founded here by William Jones, the great-grandfather of Arsene J. Jones, who came to this fertile and productive portion of Ohio at an early date in its history, and here became well-to-do and prominent, as a stock dealer and a citizen. His son, Mason Jones,

was also agriculturally inclined, was a husbandman all of his life, and accumulated a good property. Thomas C. Jones was born on the farm which he now occupies in Liberty Township, and has never cared to change his locality. Through the exercise of good management and industry and the display of ability in his vocation he has succeeded in the accumulation of a good farm, while as a citizen he has always been progressive and public-spirited, fairly winning and holding the respect, esteem and confidence of his fellow men. He and his wife have had three sons: B. G., a graduate of Wilmington College, who lives on his farm in Liberty Township; Arsene; and R. E., who resides with his parents.

Arsene J. Jones received his education in the district schools of Liberty Township and Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio. Returning at that time to his father's farm, he worked thereon until his marriage, November 10, 1909, to Miss Clara May Jenks, a daughter of Truman and Addie (McKinniss) Jenks. Truman Jenks was born in Jackson County, Ohio, and after his marriage went to Sedalia, Missouri, where he remained for about six years. He then returned to Jackson County for fourteen years, following which he took up his residence at Frankfort, and a short time later came to Vigo, Ross County. Here he has since been engaged in business successfully as the proprietor of a tile factory. Mrs. Addie (McKinniss) Jenks is a daughter of Granville and Mary (Cassiday) McKinniss, and a granddaughter of Charles and Martha (Cramer) McKinniss, who in 1802 came from Pennsylvania to Chillicothe, Ohio, and then removed to the farm near Coalton, Jackson County. Martha (Cramer) McKinniss was a granddaughter of Robert Fulton, Sr., who was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland. Hence the Scotch-Irish in the McKinniss family. Mr. and Mrs. McKinniss moved back to Chillicothe and then to Coal Township, Jackson County, where the grandfather was engaged in the river trade. Truman Jenks and wife became the parents of eight children, of whom five are living: Harford P., of Columbus, who married Grace Dixon; Clara May; Frank, of Atlanta, Ohio, who married Nannie Argabright; Stella, the widow of D. T. Yoakum; and Granville, of Vigo. The other three children died in infancy.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Jones settled on the farm which they now occupy, and which has been brought to a high state of cultivation. Mr. Jones raises the standard crops and uses the latest methods in his work, and makes a constant study of conditions in the vocation in which his best energies are enlisted. In his political views he is a prohibitionist, and he has at all times been an indefatigable worker in behalf of temperance and a bettering of public morals. Mrs. Jones is a devout member of the Vigo Baptist Church, and takes an active interest in its work. They have one son, Truman Corwin, who was born October 17, 1910.

SAMUEL LOGAN WALLACE. For many years actively engaged in the practice of law in Chillicothe, the late Samuel Logan Wallace, had a great natural aptitude for the work of his profession, having been indus-

trious, conscientious, and earnest in the advocacy of his client's cause, while his record gives evidence of his wide research and learning, and of his familiarity with legal lore. A native of Ross County, he was born on a farm in Greene Township, in 1824, and was there reared.

His father, Samuel Wallace, Esq., was born and bred in Pennsylvania. Coming to Ross County in pioneer days, he bought a tract of wild land in Green Township, and on the farm which he reclaimed from the wilderness spent his remaining days, dying while yet in manhood's prime. He married Sally Ostrander, whose parents were among the early settlers of Pickaway County, Ohio.

Samuel Logan Wallace had very limited opportunities as a boy for obtaining an education; but he was reared to habits of industry and economy, and being endowed by nature with a keen, practical business ability, he readily overcame all obstacles in his way, by diligent application achieving success in his chosen field of endeavor. Before he had acquired sufficient knowledge of books to teach others, he found employment on a farm at 50 cents a day. On one occasion, when returning home from his day's work, he had the misfortune to lose the half dollar he had labored so faithfully to earn, and he spent a whole half day looking for it. Commencing his professional career as a teacher in the rural schools, he earned money enough to pay his way through college. Going, therefore, to Delaware, Ohio, he entered the law department of the Ohio State University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1851. Being then admitted to the bar, Mr. Wallace at once located in Chillicothe, where he soon gained a position of importance among the leading attorneys of this part of the county. Subsequently compelled by illness to give up his professional practice, he lived retired in Chillicothe until his death, in 1876. He was a man of fine physique, tall and well proportioned, having a strong face, and a commanding presence. An untiring worker, he was very successful in his profession, and eminently popular as a citizen.

Mr. Wallace married, January 17, 1861, Mary Ann Moore, who was born and bred in Chillicothe, a daughter of Dr. John James Moore. Her Grandfather Moore, a life-long resident of Virginia, was an extensive planter, managing his plantation with slave labor. He married a Miss James, who came from one of the old and honored families of Virginia. Born in Virginia, near Luray, John James Moore was fitted for college when young, and after his graduation from a medical college located in Chillicothe, Ohio, where he was prosperously engaged in the practice of medicine until his death, in 1871. Doctor Moore married Harriet Ryan, who was born, July 21, 1816, in Chillicothe, a daughter of Gen. James and Mary (Moore) Ryan, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania, while the latter was a native of Virginia. General Ryan settled in Chillicothe as a young man, and here spent the remainder of his long life of seventy-five years. Energetic and intelligent, possessing marked ability, he became prominent and influential in public affairs, rendering efficient service as a member of the city council, and filling the responsible position of mayor of the city most faithfully and satisfactorily. The wife of

Doctor Moore, mother of Mrs. Wallace, died at the age of seventy-four years. She was the mother of six children, namely: Oscar; Mary Ann, now Mrs. Wallace; John; William; Alma; and Edgar, who died at an early age.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace was blessed by the birth of two children, namely: Samuel; and Harriet Story, who lived but eighteen years. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Wallace returned to her father's home, on North Mulberry Street, to care for her invalid mother. Succeeding to the ownership of the home, she has since occupied it. Mrs. Wallace also came into possession, by purchase, of the Boggs estate, in Pickaway County, an estate on which the famous Logan elm, under which Chief Logan made his speech to the whites, was situated. She has since transferred 46/10 acres of that estate, including the spot on which the elm stands, to the Ohio State Historical Society, a gift highly appreciated by the organization. Mrs. Wallace is a member of the Walnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Wallace was a member of the Sons of Malta, that having been the only fraternal society he ever joined.

CHARLES E. BOWDLE. For considerably more than a century the Bowdle family has been identified with Ross County. Charles E. Bowdle and his father and grandfather before him were all born in Union Township, where he now resides, one of the honored and useful citizens.

An old historical publication states that Thomas and Henry Bowdle and Thomas Withgow came to the Northwest Territory in 1800, and while located temporarily in Chillicothe built homes in what is now Union Township. Henry Bowdle's cabin had a row of portholes in the wall, and he and his sons were well equipped with guns and ammunition to use in case of attack by Indians.

Edward Bowdle, grandfather of Charles E., was born in Union Township and spent his life as a farmer there. His son, William Fletcher Bowdle, a native of the same township, learned the trade of carpenter, but after his marriage bought land and combined the occupations of farming and carpentry for a number of years. He died at his home in Union Township at the age of sixty-eight. His wife, Jane Elliott, was born in Washington County, Ohio, a daughter of William and Nancy (Ekey) Elliott, both of whom were natives of Jefferson County, Ohio. From Jefferson County the Elliott family moved to Washington County, and from there came to Ross County, locating in Union Township. William Elliott bought a farm on Egypt Pike, and both he and his wife died there, his wife at the age of ninety-one. Mrs. William F. Bowdle, who died at the age of seventy-eight, reared six children, named Charles E., Ida, Effie, Nannie, Flora and Grace.

The only son of this family, Charles E. Bowdle, was born in Union Township October 31, 1859. His education was supplied by the rural schools, and under his father he learned not only farming but also the carpenter's trade. Mr. Bowdle has always been a carpenter, and at

the same time he owns and occupies a pleasant home on the Sulphur Springs Road in Union Township.

In 1891 he married Clara Beard. Mrs. Bowdle is a native of Union Township and descended from pioneer families on both sides. Her parents were Daniel M. and Arvilla (Augustus) Beard. David Augustus, the founder of the family in Ross County, was a native of Delaware, and settled in this county about 1800. William Beard, who founded that name in Ross County, was a native of Frederick County, Maryland, and was a Revolutionary soldier, having participated in the battle of Kings Mountain and also in the battle where Gates' army was defeated. From Maryland he moved to Greenbrier County, Virginia, and in 1809 came to Ross County.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowdle have four children: Forrest, Orrin, Bernice E. and Arvilla. The family are active members of the Pleasant Valley Methodist Episcopal Church and Sunday school.

FREDERICK B. BOWERS. There are many sections of the country that depend, in large measure, on the products of Ohio farms, and especially is there a demand for the fruit that seemingly gains a better flavor from the soil and air there than in less favored regions. The Pride Fruit Farm, which is owned by Frederick B. Bowers, a representative citizen of Ross County, is situated in Franklin Township, on the Scioto River, eight miles south of Chillicothe, and its products are shipped to many ports.

Frederick B. Bowers was born on the farm on which he lives, consisting of 175 acres of exceedingly valuable land, February 17, 1852. His parents were James and Elizabeth (Pray) Bowers, and his grandfather was Adam Bowers.

Adam Bowers was the founder of the family in Ross County. He was born in Pennsylvania and there had educational advantages before learning to be carpenter and millwright. He entered 460 acres of land in Ross County and showed energy and enterprise in other directions erecting mills at Chillicothe and in other places, and was the first man who inaugurated a freight line between Chillicothe and the Scioto bottoms, transporting by means of six and four-horse teams. He was one of the best-known pioneers of the county and one of the most practical and useful.

James Bowers, son of Adam and father of Frederick B. Bowers, was born, reared and spent his life in Franklin Township, in his later years being a farmer. He was the father of five children, the only survivor being Frederick B., the first born.

Frederick B. Bowers was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools. He devotes his large tract of land to general farming and fruit growing. Mr. Bowers is one of the leading democrats in this section of Ross County. As a man of sound judgment and unimpeachable integrity he has been chosen many times by his fellow citizens to fill responsible township offices. For fifteen years he has been township clerk, and during this time has adjusted many difficulties that have come

to him officially. He brought the first test case of substitute school teacher before the county board and won the suit. For six years he served as a trustee of Franklin Township, and during that time much improvement was brought about in road building. Mr. Bowers was appointed land appraiser some years ago, and so careful was he in his estimates and so accurate that he was the only appraiser in the county who did not have to revise his books. There are few citizens in the township so well posted on local conditions and history.

In January, 1896, Mr. Bowers was married to Miss Julia Sheets, and they have one daughter, Ruth E., who was born May 18, 1897, and resides at home. Mr. Bowers and family are members of the Christian Church.

LAWRENCE M. BUTLER is one of the younger and more progressive farmers of Union Township. He has succeeded well in the task of making a home and creating a profitable industry and already has much to show for the active years of his career.

He was born on a farm in the south precinct of Union Township, November 22, 1887. He is of old New England stock, his great-grandfather having been so far as known a lifelong resident of Vermont. His grandfather Ormond Butler was a native of Vermont, and after reaching manhood set out with his two brothers John and George for Ohio. Ohio was still the Far West, and they rode horseback as far as Pittsburgh and thence came by boat down the Ohio to Portsmouth and from there on to Ross County. Ross County was still undeveloped in most of its townships; there were no railroads, and Ormond Butler found for a number of years a very profitable occupation in teaming and freighting. His home was in Union Township, where he spent his last days and where he and his wife lived to a good old age.

Phillip Butler, father of Lawrence M., was born in Union Township, and spent his life as a farmer. He lived in the township until his death in 1910. The maiden name of his wife was Sarah Lawrence, who was born near New Holland in Pickaway County.

The only child of his parents, Lawrence M. Butler as a boy attended the public schools and secured a thorough training by practical experience on the home farm. He lived with his parents a number of years, and in 1907 located on the farm on which he now resides. Besides the raising of the staple crops Mr. Butler is one of the most proficient in a growing Ross County industry, bee culture. He has made a thorough study in bees, is an expert in handling them, and has found both a congenial and profitable occupation in looking after his colony of honey-makers. His apiary now consists of over seventy hives. His bees are a cross between the Italian and the common black bee.

In September, 1915, he married Edna Donahue, who was born in Union Township, where she was reared and educated, the daughter of Harvey and Ida Donahue.

LAWRENCE GRANT PINTO bears one of the old and honored names of Ross County. The Pinto family was established here more than a

century ago. They have been chiefly known as farmers, and in that vocation their success has been measured not only by steady returns from their fields, but also by a constantly increasing ownership of fertile lands and a position of leadership in their respective communities.

The farm which he now owns and occupies in Union Township was the birthplace of Lawrence Grant Pinto on May 25, 1865. The family was established in Ohio by his grandfather, Capt. Isaac Pinto. Captain Pinto was born on one of the island possessions of Portugal, and as a youth went to sea, working his way from deck hand to captain of a sailing vessel. He was in the merchant marine service, and for a number of years commanded ocean going vessels. In 1812 he landed in the United States, and coming west to Ross County bought 116 acres in Union Township. There in 1813 he erected a substantial hewed log house. That house is still in fair condition and is still occupied and is one of the oldest houses north of the Ohio River. Even after locating his family in Ross County Captain Pinto continued to follow the sea for several seasons. He married Margaret Marshall, who was born in the United States of English ancestry. She spent her last days on the old farm and reared four sons—Henry, Jacob, Samuel, Miles Augustus—and one daughter. The son Henry was for a number of years in the boot and shoe business at Chillicothe and afterwards an insurance man. Jacob followed merchandising in Philadelphia. Samuel was a farmer and was also a merchant and grain dealer at Yellowbud.

Miles Augustus Pinto, father of Lawrence G., was born March 6, 1832, on the farm that his father established and which his son Lawrence now owns. He was reared in Ross County, and after leaving school spent eight years as a clerk in his brother Henry's store. In the meantime the old Pinto homestead had been bought by his maternal uncle. On leaving the store of his brother at the conclusion of his eight years' service, Miles A. bought the homestead from his uncle, and spent the rest of his days as a general farmer, stock raiser and fruit grower. He was one of the pioneers in fruit growing, had a large orchard carefully tended, and one of the chief revenues on the place under his management was from vinegar which he manufactured and sold. He lived there until his death in 1905. Miles A. Pinto married Margaret Read, who was born in Ross County, a daughter of John Read, one of the early settlers. Mrs. Pinto was well educated and at the age of sixteen began teaching, an occupation which she followed until her marriage. She died at the age of thirty-eight when in the prime of life. Her seven children were Ernest M., Horace H., Lawrence G., Elsie M., Minnie E., Alvah Sherman and Rowland D.

Lawrence Grant Pinto's early and later associations all center around the old Pinto homestead. He gained his education in the rural schools and trained himself as a farmer by practical experience on the old place. When ready to start out on his own account he rented for two years a 285-acre farm. He then bought the old Pinto homestead of 116 acres, and since then has bought the adjoining farm of 128 acres. He now occupies the latter place, and enjoys the comforts of a substan-

tial two-story brick residence. This house is located on high table land and commands an attractive view of all the countryside.

In 1902 Mr. Pinto married Irene I. Morreis, who was born in Vinton County, Ohio, a daughter of Lewis Morreis, a native of the same county, and a granddaughter of William Morreis, who was born in Pennsylvania and was an early settler in Vinton County. Mrs. Pinto's father died at the age of seventy-eight. Her mother, who passed away at the age of forty-five, was Mary Jane Allen. Mrs. Pinto was one of nine children named Louisa Ellen, Melissa Jane, John William, Andrew J., Mary Alice, Rufus T., Phebe Dora, Irene Isabel and Alma Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Pinto are members of the Dry Run Church. Their family of four children are Luna E., Dollie M., Warren L. and James Theodore.

WILSON A. TOOTLE. Any list of pioneer names in Ross County would include that of Tootle. The Tootles as a family have been identified with this section of Ohio for considerably more than a century. In the early days they helped to lay the foundation solid and secure upon which subsequent civilization has arisen. They have been worthy people in every sense of the term, have been industrious and capable farmers, and have fulfilled all the many obligations of citizenship and neighborliness.

One of this family, Wilson A. Tootle, was born in Union Township August 10, 1846. His father, John Tootle, was born in the same township in 1813, while the War of 1812 was still in progress. The founder of the family in Ohio was Grandfather Thomas D. Tootle, a native of Virginia, and of early colonial ancestry. From Virginia he came west to Ohio when it was still a part of the Northwest Territory, and found a home within the limits of Ross County. He and his family endured all the vicissitudes of existence at a time when there were no railroads or canals, when the cost of transporting goods was greater than the value of the produce, and when life was on a very simple and practical basis. Securing a tract of timbered land in the western part of Union Township, Thomas D. Tootle erected a log cabin as his first home. There he and his good wife spent their last years, he employed in the heavy task of clearing up the land, while she proved herself a real mistress of the home and of all the old-fashioned housewifely arts, cooking the meals by the open fire and spinning and weaving and dressing the family in homespun. They had four sons, John, James, Isaac and Amos.

John Tootle grew up on a farm, succeeded to the ownership of part of his father's estate and remained a resident of Union Township all his career. He died at the age of eighty. John Tootle married Rebecca Brown, daughter of Clement Brown, who was one of the early settlers of Deerfield Township. She died in 1849, leaving five children, Stewart, Rachel, Eleanor, Wilson A. and Ruth A.

Only three years of age when his mother died, Wilson A. Tootle received such training as the average Ohio farm boy of fifty or sixty years ago. He attended the public schools, and developed his strength by such duties as were to be found in abundance on the home place. In

1876 Mr. Tootle bought and occupied the place which he now owns. He has been very successful as a farmer, and his possessions now include nearly 500 acres of land, the greater part of it subject to cultivation. On his home farm he has erected a fine set of frame buildings, and farming has been a business that has afforded him a profitable occupation and a means of providing well for his family.

At the age of twenty-five he married Mary Hoddy, daughter of Joseph and Mary Hoddy. To this union have been born a son and daughter, Earl and Gay. Earl has been twice married. First to Florence Huffman, who left one daughter, Helen, and second to Helen Skinner. Gay is the wife of Clarence Trego. She is the mother of three children, Cecil, Lillian and Irma, the latter being twins.

MRS. RACHEL DAVIDSON CRISPIN, whose life has been largely spent in Union Township of Ross County, where she still resides, is the widow of the late Benjamin Franklin Crispin, one of the most successful farmers and honored citizens of Ross County.

Mrs. Crispin was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1849. Her father, William Davidson, was a native of old Virginia, but when three years of age was brought to Ohio by his parents, who were pioneer settlers in Pickaway County. He grew up in Pickaway County when it was comparatively new and undeveloped, later bought land there, and was a substantial farmer of that county until his death at the age of eighty years. Mrs. Crispin's mother was Rachel Ater. She was also a native of Virginia. Her father, Isaac Ater, born in Virginia, came to Ohio accompanied by his wife and three sons and one daughter. The Ater family passed through Chillicothe when it was only a hamlet and pushed on to what is now Deerfield Township, where Isaac Ater bought a tract of timbered land. Ohio was then an isolated district, without railroads, and all kinds of game could be found in the forest. Improving a farm in Deerfield Township, Isaac Ater lived there until his death. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Smith, who was born in Virginia and who died on the old Ater homestead, 2½ miles from Clarksburg. Mrs. Crispin's mother was quite young when brought to Ross County, and as a young girl she acquired all the housewifely accomplishments of that time. Among other things, she learned to spin and weave, and was also adept in cooking by the open fireplace. She survived her husband and died in her ninety-sixth year, having reared nine children, whose names were Elizabeth, Pensy, Nancy, Edward, Mary, Isaac, Anna, Samuel and Rachel. Of these, the three now living are Pensy, Edward and Rachel.

Mrs. Crispin grew up on her father's home in Pickaway County. She attended the district schools, and grew up to a cultured and noble womanhood. At the age of twenty-two she married Benjamin Franklin Crispin.

Benjamin Franklin Crispin was born on the farm in Union Township where Mrs. Crispin now lives. His birth occurred December 18, 1848, and at the time of his death, on March 28, 1913, was in his sixty-

fifth year. His father, Benjamin Crispin, improved the old homestead where Mrs. Crispin now resides and occupied it until his death. Benjamin Franklin Crispin had one sister, Emma, who married Simon Noble. The late Mr. Crispin grew up on a farm and was trained to habits of industry in early life. After his marriage he began farming, and at the death of his father succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead. He was widely known as a progressive and energetic business man, and the fine condition of the home farm, with its substantial buildings and other improvements, attest his life of faithful toil.

Mr. and Mrs. Crispin reared two children: William Benjamin and Ethel. William B. married Mary Leffingwell, and their three sons are Major, Maderia and Neal. The daughter Ethel married Clarence Jarrett, and her two children are Harold and Dorothy.

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Crispin has continued to occupy the old homestead, and has shown herself possessed of much capacity for managing business affairs. She is an active member of the Dry Run Methodist Episcopal Church.

DR. JAMES D. MILLER. One of the leading physicians of the middle and later years of the last century, Dr. James D. Miller was for full fifty years engaged in the practice of his profession at Bainbridge and Chillicothe, during his earlier years of practice having traveled everywhere throughout the country on horseback, doubtless with saddle-bags well filled, as then there were no drug stores to which a prescription could be sent. He was born December 28, 1821, in Chillicothe, where his father, James Miller, settled about 1806.

His paternal grandfather, a life-long resident of the British Isles, rebelled against the English Government, and his property was confiscated, and he was condemned to die. His friend, Lord Castlereagh, however, interceded, and he was pardoned. He continued a resident of his native land until his death. Several of his sons came to America, among them having been his son Joseph, who settled in Alabama, and William and James who located in Chillicothe, Ohio. William was thereafter for many years engaged in mercantile pursuits at the corner of Paint and Second streets.

James Miller, the doctor's father, was sixteen years old when he sailed for America. During the voyage across the ocean, he was taken from the ship by the captain of an English vessel, and pressed into the British service. Making his escape at Havana, he secured passage on a vessel bound for Philadelphia, and after landing in that city came from there on foot to Chillicothe. He had previously learned the carpenter's trade, and subsequently, as a contractor, built the Paint Street bridge across the Scioto River. He was prominent in public affairs, filling various offices, and both he and his wife were charter members of the First Presbyterian Church. He died August 31, 1844, at the age of fifty-four years, six months and eleven days, his birth having occurred February 20, 1790, in County Londonderry, Ireland.

James Miller married, in Chillicothe, March 26, 1816, Rebecca Patton,

who was born February 26, 1794, in Pendleton, Virginia, and came from there to Ross County with her parents, who acquired large tracts of land just across the river from Chillicothe. She survived her husband, dying February 21, 1863. She reared five children, as follows: Catherine, Joseph, Samuel, William Patton and James D.

James D. Miller acquired his elementary education in Chillicothe, and after his graduation from the Ohio University, in Athens, began the study of medicine with Doctor Wells. He was subsequently graduated from the medical department of the Pennsylvania University at Lexington, Kentucky, and at the age of twenty-one years began the practice of his profession in Chillicothe, where he remained for upwards of half a century, an able and successful physician. In addition to faithfully attending to his professional duties, Doctor Miller served as clerk of the courts of Ross County, and for a few years conducted a drug store on Paint Street. With the exception of the short time that he was located at Bainbridge, the doctor occupied the parental homestead, to the ownership of which he succeeded, it being the estate situated on the south side of Main Street, next to that of the Walnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church, and which had been purchased by his father in 1826, when the doctor was but five years old. Doctor Miller died October 16, 1893, in the seventy-second year of his age.

Dr. James D. Miller married Louisa Wilson, who was born in Highland County, Ohio, July 17, 1828, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Wagner) Wilson, and the descendant of a pioneer family of prominence. She survived him many years, passing away December 3, 1914, at the venerable age of eighty-six years. The union of Doctor and Mrs. Miller was blessed by the birth of eleven children, including Elizabeth, Mary L., Edward, James, Rebecca P., Frank, and Louisa.

Elizabeth Miller, the second child of the parental household, attended first the Chillicothe schools, and later the Ohio Female College, at College Hill, Cincinnati. Then, after teaching in Chillicothe, in a grammar grade, for a while, entered the Oswego Normal School, at Oswego, New York, and having completed the course of the literary department of that institution continued her studies in its scientific department. Returning to Chillicothe, she taught natural science in the high school of that city until her marriage to Fred L. Todd, a druggist at Newark Valley, New York. After the death of her husband, fifteen months later, Mrs. Todd returned to Chillicothe, and was again engaged in teaching until 1884, when she became the wife of Henry H. Howland. Mr. Howland, a commission merchant at Newark Valley, New York, was a lineal descendant of John and Elizabeth (Tilly) Howland, Mayflower passengers. Mr. Howland died December 6, 1887.

After the death of her second husband, Mrs. Howland studied theology, first taking a correspondence course under Dean Wright, of Boston, and Doctor Harper, president of the University of Chicago, and later being a student in the theological department of Oberlin Seminary. In 1894 Mrs. Howland was ordained to the ministry in the Congregational Church at Napoli, New York, of which she was pastor the ensuing four

years. The following one and one-half years she was at Chautauqua, New York, going from there to Nelson, Ohio, remaining until 1902, when she accepted a call from the Plymouth Congregational Church in Chillicothe. Seven years later, on account of ill health, she resigned that position, and for two years was pastor of the church at Oneida, Kansas. Returning to Ohio, Mrs. Howland held the pastorate of the Wayne Congregational Church at Williamsfield, until March, 1915, when she resigned, and came back to her native city to accept her former position as pastor of the Plymouth Church.

Mrs. Howland has a stepson, Henry B. Howland, who was graduated from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in Troy, New York, and is now in the Government employ, at San Domingo.

Mary L. Miller, the third daughter of Doctor Miller, is a teacher in the public schools of Kansas City, Missouri, and spends her summers in Chillicothe with her sisters. Edward Miller is a traveling salesman, with headquarters at Columbus. James, the second son, is not living. Rebecca P. Miller is a teacher in the Chillicothe schools. Frank Miller, a resident of Columbus, is interested in the shoe manufacturing industry. Louisa, who became the wife of Daniel Rugg, of Syracuse, New York, died July 29, 1888, aged twenty-five years.

HAMILTON D. HOUK has found in farming both a congenial and profitable occupation. He has spent nearly all his years in Ross County, and for fully thirty years has been engaged in the management of an extensive farm in Union Township.

His birth occurred on a farm near Waverly, in Pike County, May 1, 1853. His father, David Houk, was born in the same county in 1821. The grandfather, Phillip Houk, was a native of Germany, of early German ancestry. Becoming a pioneer in Pike County, he bought a tract of timbered land, and in the course of years had it cleared and developed as a fine farm. He then sold out and soon afterwards started west to Iowa to invest his money and to visit a daughter. He arrived safely in that state, had his money safely invested, and was known to have started back for Ohio. After that no trace of him was ever found.

On the farm in Pike County where he was born, David Houk lived until 1860, in which year he came to Ross County and for two years was located at High Banks. He began his career as a renter, and showed such judgment in handling farming that he was entrusted with larger and larger responsibilities every year. He finally rented a tract of 1,200 acres for a couple of years. He held his first crop from this large acreage, and after harvesting the second crop, sold 75,000 bushels of corn at 75 cents per bushel. He then bought 450 acres in the Paint Creek Valley, and continued farming there until 1864. Then, at the solicitation of the Federal Government, he went to Pulaski County, Tennessee, and rented an extensive tract of land which he devoted to cotton growing. During that year he raised 500 bales of cotton, cotton being worth at the time \$1.72 per pound. Before this could be marketed, the Confederate army under General Hood raided the section, and all

but eighteen bales of the cotton was destroyed, while the raiders took twenty-four mules and all the wagons and other equipment from his plantation. After this disaster he returned to Ross County and bought 800 acres of the rich Scioto bottom lands. He lived there until late in life, when he removed to Chillicothe, where his death occurred a few months later, at the age of eighty-five. He and his wife reared four children: Emma, Jacob, Hamilton and Matilda.

Hamilton D. Houk grew up in Ross County, attended the schools of the country and also of Chillicothe, and completed his education in Wittenberg College at Springfield. His career has been a very active one, and after completing his college education he spent three years in business in the City of Chicago. Returning to Ross County, he took up farming in Union Township, and eventually succeeded to the ownership of 300 acres which had been part of his father's homestead. This land he has improved and has gathered rich yields of staple crops from it every successive year. A number of years ago Mr. Houk erected a handsome brick residence, which now serves the purpose of a home for himself and family.

At the age of twenty-four he married Louise Studer, who was born in Chillicothe, daughter of Conrad and Margaret (Miller) Studer. Mr. and Mrs. Houk have three children. Their son Charles is married and has a son named Charles. Nettie is the wife of Jack Reed and has one daughter, named Dorothy. Mrs. Houk is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he is a republican.

JOHN E. PLEASANT. A progressive representative of the business interests of Vigo is found in the person of John E. Pleasant, who deals in crossties and fence posts, and whose enterprise and industry have combined to develop a prosperous and well-regulated business venture. He is also accounted one of the useful citizens of Vigo in the line of advancing its institutions, and at the present time is serving as vice president of the school board.

Mr. Pleasant was born at Hamden, Vinton County, Ohio, March 3, 1876, a son of W. T. and Mary (Henderson) Pleasant. His father was born at Summerset, Kentucky, and was a young man when he came to Ohio, locating first at Hamden, where he met and married Miss Henderson. Several years thereafter they moved to Chillicothe, where Mr. Pleasant followed his trade of shoemaker, but after his wife's death, in 1879, removed to Richmond Dale, where he now makes his home. Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant were the parents of two children: W. P., who is engaged in merchandising at Vigo; and John E.

John E. Pleasant was only three years old at the time of his mother's death, and he was reared in the home of his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Henderson, at Chillicothe, where he attended the parochial school. When he was confirmed he entered the Eastern College, where he attended classes for three years, and, with this preparation, began his career. His first employment was as a farm hand, but agricultural work did not appeal to him, and when the opportunity presented itself

he accepted a position as clerk in a general store at Richmond Dale, there assimilating business methods and customs and accumulating a small capital. It was his ambition to become the head of a business of his own, and June 10, 1901, he invested his small means in his present business. His start was necessarily modest, but he was possessed of initiative, enterprise and good judgment, made the most of his opportunities, and gradually found himself the proprietor of a good and promising business. He now has an excellent trade in crossties and fence posts, his customers being found all over this section of the county. All that Mr. Pleasant has he has earned for himself, and he is justly entitled to be known as a strictly self-made man. Throughout his career he has been straightforward and honorable in his dealings with his fellow-men and his reputation for integrity is too well established to need further comment.

In October, 1897, Mr. Pleasant was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Sigler, who was born and reared on a farm in Ross County, and is a graduate of Richmond Dale High School. Three children have been born to this union, namely: Mary B., a graduate of Richmond Dale High School, class of 1916; John G., born in 1909; and Geraldine S., born in 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant and their children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Richmond Dale. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Royal Order of Lions. His vote is given to the candidates of the republican party. As a friend of education, he has been a member for some time and is now vice president of the school board. Mr. Pleasant belongs to the energetic and progressive class which Ross County must look to for its continued advancement in business affairs.

EDWIN P. CLIMER. Prominent among the old and honored members of the agricultural element in Ross County, is Edwin P. Climer, who for many years carried on agricultural operations in Liberty Township, but who is now living a somewhat retired life at Gillespieville. Mr. Climer has passed his entire life within the limits of Ross County and has watched the great development and advancement that the years have brought about with interest, as he has borne his full share in the making of one of Ohio's most prosperous and fertile farming counties.

Mr. Climer was born February 2, 1848, in Ross County, Ohio, and is a son of Daniel and Martha (Riley) Climer, early settlers of this county, both families having come from Virginia at a pioneer period. Edwin P. Climer was given his education in the public schools of his locality, and his boyhood and youth were divided between attending to his studies and helping his father in the work of the home farm. He remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age, at which time he left the parental roof and started out to make a name and position for himself in the field of farming and the mercantile business. For several years he was in the mercantile business at Vigo; was also railroad agent and postmaster, and then returned to farming at his

present location. How well he succeeded in his ambition is shown by the exalted place he holds in the respect and confidence of his fellow-men and the material things that have rewarded his efforts.

Mr. Climer was married June 9, 1880, to Miss Emmeline Jones, who was born in Liberty Township, Ross County, Ohio, January 26, 1851, a daughter of Henry and Mary Jones, the former of English and the latter of Holland descent. Mr. Jones was a lifelong farmer by vocation, was a good and public-spirited citizen and an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the faith of which he died at the age of eighty-nine years. He was the father of seven daughters and one son, and four children are living at this writing (1916). Mrs. Climer enjoyed excellent educational advantages, following full public school course and then attending college, after which she attended a finishing school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Climer have been the parents of four children, as follows: Jessie F., a graduate of the public schools and now the wife of Prof. G. L. Ely, of Harrisburg, Ohio; Alice, a graduate of the high school and now the wife of A. H. Free, of Bainbridge, Ohio; Gertrude E., a graduate of the high school and now the wife of James L. Heath; and Edwin P., Jr., who lives on the home farm and looks after his father's large agricultural interests.

During the active years of his life, Mr. Climer did much in the way of building and improving, and thus contributed to the progress and upbuilding of his community. Also he supported such beneficial community movements as good schools and good roads. He and Mrs. Climer are active in the work of the Methodist Church. They now reside in the old homestead of Dr. Nelson Jones, at Gillespieville, which was built by the doctor in 1850. Mr. Climer is a republican in politics.

HIRAM DIXON. Now a member of the retired colony of Vigo, at which place he has resided since November, 1911, Hiram Dixon has led a long and useful life, and while the greater part of his career has been spent in the neighboring County of Vinton, he is a native son of Ross County. A veteran of the Civil war, during his active years he was engaged both in farming and merchandising, and also has rendered his fellow-citizens efficient public service, having formerly been for fourteen years postmaster at Eagle Mills.

Mr. Dixon was born in Ross County, Ohio, November 14, 1841, and is a son of Daniel and Christina (Wolfe) Dixon, the former a native of Ross County and the latter of North Carolina. The mother was a lass of twelve years when brought by her parents to Ohio, where, in Ross County, she met and married the young farmer, Daniel Dixon. They passed the remainder of their lives in the country districts of this county, and were widely known and highly respected as industrious and God-fearing people, kind neighbors, and devout members of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Dixon was a republican in his political views. There were four children in the family, namely: John, who served his country as a soldier of the Union and met a hero's death

while in service; George W., who died when small; Angeline, who is also deceased; and Hiram, the only survivor.

Hiram Dixon was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools of Ross County, and when his education was completed assisted his father and brother in cultivating the home acres. When the Civil war came on, both he and his brother evinced their patriotism by entering the Union army, the latter, as before stated, losing his life in defense of his country's flag, while Hiram came through safely, although having a number of narrow escapes. He enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Forty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three years, in 1861, and was with his command until the expiration of his term of service in 1864, always proving a courageous and devoted soldier, and taking part in a number of important engagements. When he received his honorable discharge, the young soldier returned to his Ohio home, but soon went to Vinton County, where he engaged in farming on a property of his own. Mr. Dixon continued as an agriculturist until 1895, when he began merchandising at Eagle Mills, and for sixteen years was the proprietor of a successful general store, and during fourteen years of this period acted in the capacity of postmaster at Eagle Mills. In March, 1911, he made removal to Chillicothe, but in November of the same year transferred his residence to Vigo, where he still lives in quiet retirement, enjoying the fruits of his many years of industrious and prosperous toil. For about 21½ years he was interested in the railroad tie business, but of late years has disposed of his holdings therein.

Mr. Dixon was married in 1876 to Miss Susanna Walker, who became the mother of five children, of whom four are living at this time: William E.; Fred L., a member of the police force of Columbus, Ohio; Christina, a graduate nurse and now in the United States Government service at Panama; and Hiram W., a member of the City Fire Department at Chillicothe. Mr. Dixon was married a second time, being united with Mary E. Forest, and they have had three children, of whom two are now living: Forest C. and L. M., both residents of Kansas. Mrs. Dixon, who has many friends at Vigo and elsewhere, is a lady of many attainments, and is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she has been a member for a long period of years. Mr. Dixon is a republican. In his career he has interested himself in various lines of business, including trading in different fields, and sawmilling, and in each of his ventures he has met with success. Probably this has been so because whatever he has had to do he has done it to the full measure of his ability, and in a manner that has left no doubt in the minds of his associates as to his absolute honesty and integrity.

GEORGE F. HAUBEIL. Among the substantial farmers of Ross County who have made an especially creditable record in husbandry and in citizenship is the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this record and whose attractive home and well-cultivated farm are located on Chillicothe Rural Route No. 2, in Liberty Township. Like a number of his fellow agriculturists in this county, Mr. Haubeil started his career

with but modest means, and the prosperity that has rewarded his efforts has been brought about solely through his own abilities, unassisted by outside help or influence. He has merely made the most of his opportunities and has conducted his affairs in an orderly and well-managed manner.

George F. Haubeil was born in Pike County, Ohio, October 21, 1862, and is a son of Christian and Sophia (Schauseil) Haubeil, natives of Germany. Each of Mr. Haubeil's parents was brought to the United States when small, their respective parents settling in Pike County, where they were reared and educated. They were married in 1858, at Waverly, Ohio, where Mr. Haubeil was street commissioner for some years and later a contractor, and where both passed the remaining years of their lives. Mr. Haubeil was a man of some importance and influence in his community, and served Pike County as coroner for several terms. He was a past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and supported the democratic party in its campaigns, both local and national. There were seven children in the family, six of whom are living at this writing, namely: Tina, who is the wife of Ed J. Wilde; George F., of this notice; Anna, who is the wife of Fred Greenbaum; Maggie, who is the wife of Alonzo Rowe; Christian, who is engaged in farming near Lincoln, Illinois, and Lizzie, who is the wife of Leonard Lantz. August, the fourth child in order of birth, is deceased.

George F. Haubeil was reared at Waverly, where he received his education in the public schools. When he was but thirteen years of age he showed his ambition and initiative by securing a position as clerk in a general store, and for five years continued in this capacity, thus gaining business experience and a knowledge of human nature that have since been of inestimable value to him in his work. When he was eighteen years of age he turned his attention to the soil and entered farming operations, although it was not until some time later that he secured a foothold on the ladder of success. In 1891 he was married to Miss Kate Farney, who was born October 13, 1860, near Beaver, Pike County, Ohio, and there reared and educated, a daughter of Christian and Mary (Pabst) Farney, natives of Germany. At the time of their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Haubeil had, together, about \$500, and with this as their starting capital rented a farm in Pike County. Four years later they moved to Fayette County, where they spent two years, and in 1897 came to Ross County, where they have since made their home. In the Liberty Township farm, on which the residence is located, Mr. Haubeil has 250 acres, all under a good state of cultivation. In addition to general farming, he is breeding a high grade of live stock, and in both departments is meeting with the success which his industry and honorable dealing merit. Mr. Haubeil also was the owner of 141 acres of good land in Springfield Township, but in 1915 sold a half interest to his son.

Mr. and Mrs. Haubeil are the parents of five children, as follows: Otto, a graduate of the common schools, born November 28, 1892, mar-

ried Carrie Chiner, and is now engaged in farming in Springfield Township; Marie, born August 20, 1894, a graduate of the graded schools, and now living with her parents; Louis, born September 25, 1896, a graduate of the graded schools and of Chillicothe High School, class of 1915; Christina, born April 17, 1898, a graduate of the common schools and now in the sophomore class of Chillicothe High School; and Clarence, born March 25, 1901, also a graduate of the public graded school and in his second year at the high school at Chillicothe. The members of the Haubeil family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, attending with the Concord congregation. Mr. Haubeil is a democrat. He is a friend of education, and in addition to giving his own children a good training, has served the community in the office of member of the local school board.

GEORGE B. SMITH. To be a good farmer requires a clear head as well as practiced hand. In modern days there are found among those who profit in the business, men whose book learning along many lines fully equals that of others who follow professional careers far from field and farm. One of these well-informed agriculturists is George B. Smith, proprietor of Happy Thought Farm, which lies in Liberty Township, Ross County, Ohio.

George B. Smith was born in Liberty Township, on section 4, where he lives, May 27, 1861. His parents were Michael and Mary (Beale) Smith. The father was born in Harrison County, Ohio, January 1, 1808. He was without capital when he started out in life, but through industry and thrift accumulated and at one time owned 250 acres of land. He spent a large portion of his life on the farm his son George B. owns. He was a very well-informed man, was fond of reading and had an understanding mind. For many years he was a leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church and was a liberal giver to help carry on its work. In politics he was republican, and during the Civil war he saw four of his sons march away to fight for the preservation of the Union.

Michael Smith was married twice, and nine children were born to his first union and four to his second. Of the first family, four survive: Abbe; Willis, of Missouri; John and J. C., of Kentucky. The second wife, Mary Beale, was born in Ross County, Ohio, March 29, 1825. To this marriage the following children were born: S. W., who lives in Liberty Township; George B.; Sarah J., who is the wife of Isaac Sechrist; and Cynthia, who is the wife of Uriah P. Beecher.

George B. Smith attended the district schools and was an attentive pupil because he appreciated the value of learning. All his life he has found great pleasure in reading and study. His interest in literature led to his devoting considerable time to the study of astronomy, and his proficiency in this branch of science is remarkable. He devotes his farm of thirty-three acres mainly to truck farming, finding a ready market for all that Happy Thought Farm produces.

Mr. Smith was married April 1, 1884, to Miss Mary E. Tracy, who died April 30, 1898. She was an admirable woman in every respect

and was a daughter of William D. Tracy and the mother of five children, as follows: Jesse F., who lives at Springfield, Ohio; Evaline, who is the wife of Alva Hess, of Liberty Township, Ross County; Della, who is a resident of Springfield; Agnes, who is the wife of Ezra McWhorter, of Liberty Township; and Zilpha, who remains at home to make her father comfortable.

In politics Mr. Smith is a republican, but he has never sought public office. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. For many years he has been a member of the United Brethren Church.

SILAS FRANKLIN GARRETT. Thoroughly versed in the intricacies of the law, having conducted and won many important suits, and having been associated in practice with some of the ablest lawyers of Ross County, Silas Franklin Garrett, of Chillicothe, occupies a position of note in legal circles. He was born in Green Township, Ross County, Ohio, February 23, 1851, of colonial stock, being a lineal descendant, it is thought, of one Mr. Garrett, a blacksmith, who came to America with Capt. John Smith in 1607. He is a son of the late James Henry Garrett, and grandson of Reuben Garrett, a pioneer of Ross County.

William Garrett, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Virginia, and there spent his entire life, dying in 1825. During the Revolutionary war he served as a member of the Third Company, Second Virginia Regiment, enlisting in 1777, and serving under Col. Alexander Spotswood. It is not known whether he served throughout the entire conflict, but he was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis. He was a farmer and fruit grower in Essex County, Virginia, where he operated a still, manufacturing "apple-jack." He first married Elizabeth Taylor, who bore him seven children, James, William, Walter, Reuben, Smith, Elizabeth, and Theodorick. He married for his second wife Clara Faber, and by their union three children were born, namely: Richard Henry, Cynthia, and Silas S. It was in the barn of his eldest son, Richard Henry, in Caroline County, Virginia, that J. Wilkes Booth, the assassin, was killed.

Reuben Garrett was born May 5, 1784, in Essex County, Virginia, and having as a young man served an apprenticeship at the tailor's trade followed it in his native state until 1832. In that year, accompanied by his wife and seven children, he came to Ohio, making the wearisome journey across the country with a team. He located in Green Township, Ross County, where for a number of years, not being strong enough to perform manual labor, he tended a toll gate on the pike running between Kinnikinnick and Adelphi. Retiring from active labor, he spent his last days in Kingston, passing away July 28, 1857. He married Sarah Toombs, who was also a Virginian by birth, being the daughter of a sailor who lost his life at sea. She survived him more than a score of years, dying March 8, 1878. Of the ten children born of their union, two died in infancy, and eight grew to years of maturity, as follows: Mary, William, Richard, Sarah, Elizabeth, James Henry, Virginia, and

Silas S. They were Baptists in religion, and reared their family in the same faith.

Born on a farm pleasantly situated on the Rappahannock River, near Lloyds Postoffice, in Essex County, Virginia, August 15, 1828, James Henry Garrett was but four years old when brought by his parents to Ross County, Ohio. He attended the rural schools, and as a boy became familiar with the various branches of agriculture. Choosing farming for his life occupation, he rented land at first, and in the tilling of the soil met with success. He subsequently bought land in Green Township, and was there a resident until his death, which occurred May 7, 1904. His body was laid to rest in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, near Kingston, where his parents are buried. His wife, whose maiden name was Susan Jones, was born in Vinton County, Ohio, June 30, 1830, and is now living with a daughter, Mrs. R. B. Grimes, near Chillicothe. Her father, Henry Jones, was born, in 1795, in Virginia, a son of Peter Jones, and married Nancy Moss, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Thomas Moss, a Revolutionary soldier. The union of Mr. and Mrs. James Henry Garrett was blessed by the birth of twelve children, of whom two, Minnie B. and Louisa J., died in childhood, while ten grew to years of maturity, namely: Silas Franklin, Reuben W., Mary H., Sarah E., James H., William N., Anna J., Leah Catherine, Ethan Allen, and Davis N.

Brought up on the home farm, Silas Franklin Garrett attended the district school a part of each year, and while yet in his teens assisted to some extent in the support of the family. Interested in books, he continued his studies as opportunity offered, and having earned some money by teaching entered Kingston Academy. Resuming teaching after leaving that institution of learning, Mr. Garrett devoted all of his leisure time to the study of law in the office of Judge Safford. An earnest and intelligent student, he was admitted to the bar on September 26, 1877, and for six months thereafter taught school, completing his eleventh term as a schoolmaster. On April 1, 1878, Mr. Garrett opened a law office in Chillicothe, and having met with flattering success from the start has here continued in active practice until the present time. From 1892 to 1896 he was in partnership with Mr. Reuben R. Freeman.

Mr. Garrett married, November 13, 1886, Adelaide M. Rollin, who was born in Zanesville, Ohio, July 11, 1861, being a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Anderson) Rollin. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett are the parents of five children, namely: M. Zuleime, Dolores E., George Raymond, Bernadetta Louise, and Cyril Franklin. Fraternally Mr. Garrett is a member of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 80, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has served two terms as city solicitor, and for four years was a member of the Chillicothe Board of Education, one year of the time serving as its president.

CHARLES AULT. In a great agricultural state like Ohio, where farming is carried on so extensively and successfully as to produce more wealth than from any other source, there are kindred industries which

engage the attention of many enterprising, practical men. One of these is threshing, a very necessary adjunct to farming and, in modern times, a scientific business by itself. Almost all his business life Charles Ault, whose valuable farm of 225 acres lies in Liberty Township, Ross County, has worked in season as a thresher and now owns a fine outfit and also operates a portable sawmill.

Charles Ault was born on his present farm in Liberty Township, February 21, 1867, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Jones) Ault, the latter born also on this farm and the former in Ross County. William Ault's people came from Virginia. After marriage he settled on this farm and here spent his life as a farmer. He was a well-known and highly respected man. Of his large family of children there are nine living, as follows: Mary, who is the wife of Jesse Arganbrit; Sarah, who is the wife of Orlando Meeker; Emily, who is the wife of James Stewart; Andrew, who lives in Missouri; George and Lyman, both of whom live in Kansas; Jeremiah, who lives in Illinois; Charles, of Liberty Township; Myrtle, who is the wife of Frank Fanby, of Liberty Township.

Charles Ault is one of the best-known men of Liberty Township, for this has always been his home. He went to school with men and women who have always been his neighbors and a very friendly spirit prevails through this law-abiding section of the county. Before purchasing the old homestead he lived on a farm along Walnut Creek for twenty-two years. To the original 204 acres he has added twenty-one acres and thus he now operates 225 acres. As mentioned above, Mr. Ault has been a thresher for many years and is a member in good standing of the Ross County Brotherhood of Threshers.

In early manhood Mr. Ault was married to Mary D. Rutherford, who was born at Londonderry, Ohio, and they have twelve children, a happy, contented family of seven sons, and five daughters, as follows: James, who lives in Iowa; Tiffin, who is a resident of Chillicothe; Edwin, who lives in Iowa; and Hazel, Inella, Jenice, Everett, Edith, Orville, Walter, Ruth and Willard. All have been given educational opportunities. In politics Mr. Ault has always been a democrat, and for the last five years he has been one of the trustees of Liberty Township, succeeding himself. Both personally and as a public official Mr. Ault stands high in his community.

NEWTON E. ICE. Combining farming with veterinary practice, Newton E. Ice, of Liberty Township, is one of the busy men of Ross County. He has 200 acres of land under his care and no part of this large farm shows any evidence of neglect.

Doctor Ice was born in Wetzel County, West Virginia, February 20, 1885, and is a son of D. B. and Phoebe (Wyatt) Ice. Both parents were born and reared in what is now West Virginia, and are retired residents of Smithfield, Wetzel County. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Of their family of three children, one died in infancy and both of the survivors live in Ohio, Newton E. in Ross

County and Lee in Washington County, and both are interested in agricultural pursuits. The one daughter bore the name of Jennie.

On his father's farm Newton E. Ice grew to manhood and learned not only the practical business of operating a farm, but also the care and medical treatment of stock. He became greatly interested along this line and studied veterinary science and has adopted its practice as a profession. After attending the common schools, he entered the high school at Buchanan and was graduated therefrom in 1905. Mr. Ice found remunerative employment in the oil fields in his native state and continued there until 1909, when he came to Ross County, Ohio, and took a correspondence school course in veterinary medicine and surgery, graduating with an average of 96 per cent. His knowledge of veterinary science serves him well on his large estate, giving him the knowledge and skill to keep his own stock in condition while gradually building up a wider extended practice. He makes a specialty of fine horses.

Doctor Ice was married July 8, 1906, to Miss Bessie Fry, who was born and reared in Virginia. They have four children: Beryl, Hortense, Drexel and Lorie. Doctor Ice was reared in the democratic party, as was his father. His 200-acre estate is situated one mile southwest of Londonderry, Ohio.

W. H. WILTSHIRE. With an interest in 600 acres of valuable land in Ross County, Ohio, and by occupation a farmer, W. H. Wiltshire may be numbered with the prosperous men who have found in the peaceful pursuits of agriculture satisfactory returns for their toil. He belongs to an old pioneer family of the State of Ohio and with this section of the state he has been identified all his life.

W. H. Wiltshire was born September 22, 1857, near Massieville, Ohio, and is a son of Dr. John M. and Mary (Sutherland) Wiltshire. His father was born in 1834 and practiced medicine for many years. His mother, also born in Ohio, died in 1896. They had four children: William H.; James S., who is a physician and surgeon at Londonderry, Ohio; Mary, who is the wife of F. A. Counts, resides at Richmond Dale, Ohio; and J. E., who is a resident of Vigo, Ross County, Ohio.

On his present farm, situated in Liberty Township, Ross County, W. H. Wiltshire grew to manhood. He attended the country schools and later the city schools at Chillicothe. All his life he has been interested in farming, and the depth of this interest may be correctly estimated when account is taken of the profitable yieldings of his many acres. He gives much attention to growing Duroc Jersey hogs.

In 1903 Mr. Wiltshire was united in marriage with Mary F. Russell, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, a member of one of the substantial old Quaker families of this section. Mrs. Wiltshire was educated in the public schools and has spent her life in Ohio. They are members of the Society of Friends.

In politics Mr. Wiltshire has always been a republican. As a man of sound judgment, he has frequently been urged to accept local offices

for the public good, but he has never had any political ambition. He was one of the charter members of the Londonderry Lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men and passed the chairs in that lodge.

WILLIAM T. LANDRUM. One of the prosperous farmers of Franklin Township, Ross County, is William T. Landrum, who owns 160 acres in the vicinity of Higby, Ohio. He was born at Richmond Dale, in Jefferson Township, Ross County, January 19, 1848. His parents were Smith M. and Lydia (Acord) Landrum. The father was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia, and the mother in Pennsylvania, and they were married in Pike County, Ohio.

Smith M. Landrum was a miller by trade and for many years after coming to Ohio he operated mills. For some years he conducted a mill at Richmond Dale, then at Sharenvile, but his last years were spent as a farmer. He was twice married and eight children were born to his first union. One son, George L., was a soldier in the Civil war and laid down his life for his country. There are four survivors of the above family: John A., who is a veteran of the Civil war, lives at Massieville, Ohio; William T.; Martha J., who is the wife of Austin French; and Lydia, who is the wife of Mr. Delong, of Circleville, Ohio.

William T. Landrum lived at Richmond Dale until he was sixteen years old, in the meanwhile attending the public schools. He was then considered old enough to become self-supporting and look out for himself. He chose the life of a farmer and easily found employment as such and worked by the month on farms, and by the time he was twenty-two years old had saved \$750 of his wages. While that was not a great fortune, it represented many months of hard labor and much self-denial and proved that he was industrious and frugal. He has continued to be a farmer, renting land for two years before he bought his first tract.

Mr. Landrum was married to Priscilla McGuire, who was born in Pike County. She left one daughter, Harriet, who became the wife of Charles Allen, of Franklin Township. In March, 1879, Mr. Landrum was married to Miss Mary Borst, who was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, March 27, 1850. Her parents were John and Catherine (Frank) Borst, both of whom were born in Germany and came to the United States when aged, respectively, twenty and twenty-two years, and they were married at Chillicothe. Mr. Borst was a butcher by trade and carried on that business for a number of years in Ohio, but later moved to Kansas and there both he and wife died. Mr. and Mrs. Landrum have had seven children, three of whom are deceased. Those living are: William H., who is a farmer in Franklin Township; Charles H., who is a rural mail carrier; Hannah, who is the wife of Paul Workman, a railroad man at Ironton, Ohio; and Matilda, who is the wife of Charles E. Blain, of Waverly, Ohio. Mrs. Landrum is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Landrum is a republican in politics and has served as a member of the board of trustees of Franklin Township. He is identified with the Odd Fellows and is past grand of his lodge. Both he and wife are highly respected.

JOSEPH H. HIGBY. Farming and stock raising engage the attention of many intelligent men with practical ideas, in Ross County, they rightly realizing that no business in the world can excel theirs in importance. Perhaps at no time in the world's history has the fact been more emphasized than the present. There are hundreds of acres in Ross County devoted to these kindred industries and attention may be directed to what is known as the old Davis farm, situated in Franklin Township. It is under the capable and experienced management of Joseph H. Higby, and its output is enormous.

Joseph H. Higby was born on the farm above mentioned, December 14, 1857. His parents were Sylvester N. and Hannah (Davis) Higby, the latter of whom was born on this farm and always lived there. A part of its 800 acres was her marriage portion, and the rest of it Sylvester N. Higby bought from the other Davis heirs. He was a man of political importance in Franklin Township and served in many public capacities, being elected to office on the republican ticket. Both he and wife were church members and active in the work of the Sunday school. He was a thirty-second degree Mason. To Sylvester N. Higby and wife seven children were born, and the following survive: Rose, who is the wife of Ira Harris, an attorney at Colorado Springs, Colorado, and formerly mayor; Kizzie D., who is the wife of C. R. Manning, an attorney and police judge at Colorado Springs; Laura W., who is the widow of H. C. Downs, of Columbus, Ohio; and Joseph H., of Franklin Township.

Joseph H. Higby spent his boyhood on the home farm and attended the township schools before entering Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, where he completed the classical course and remained for four years. Afterward he studied civil engineering and went out for a time with an engineering corps for practical experience and remained one year connected with the Nickel Plate Railroad and then returned and took charge of the family estate, which he continues to manage. He carries on general farming and raises high grade stock of all kinds.

Mr. Higby was married to Miss Jennie E. Foster, a daughter of John C. Foster, and they had two children, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Higby was educated at Ada, Ohio. In politics Mr. Higby is a republican and quite often he has been elected to township offices, serving in these with the careful efficiency that has always marked his attention to his own business affairs. He is one of Ross County's highly respected and valued citizens.

JOSEPH I. VAUSE. As proprietor of High Bank Farm, a beautiful stretch of fertile land, 300 acres in extent, Joseph I. Vause, one of the representative men of Ross County, owns a homestead that has been in the Vause name for more than a century. This valuable estate was purchased by Joseph Harness, the great-great-grandfather of Joseph I., at a Government land sale. Its development from virgin field and forest, therefore, has been accomplished through the energy, industry and good judgment of this one family, coming down to the present from father to son.

Joseph I. Vause was born on the above farm, situated six miles south of Chillicothe, Ohio, July 15, 1870. His parents were Joseph I. and Jane (Foster) Vause. His father was born in Virginia, but the larger part of his life was spent in Ohio. He was a quiet, industrious, frugal man and in legitimate business ways accumulated an ample fortune during a long life. He married Jane Foster, who was born in Ohio, in Ross County, and on the family homestead in Liberty Township they reared a family of twelve children, six of whom are living in the year 1916, as follows: Mary, who is the wife of James C. Foster; Anna H., who is the widow of George Foster; James M., who is a farmer in Liberty Township, Ross County; Nellie, who is the wife of John I. Van Meter; Sallie, who is a resident of Liberty Township; and Joseph I.

At the death of his father, Joseph I. Vause took charge of the farm. In 1908 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Penisten, who belongs to an old and well-known family of Ross County. She was born in Liberty Township and is a daughter of James and Lillie (Harness) Penisten.

For many years Mr. Vause has been prominent in county politics as a leader in democratic policies and at times he has been selected by his party for responsible public offices. For two terms he gave the people of the county admirable service as county commissioner. Aside from his large farming interests, he is interested otherwise as a stockholder in the Valley Savings Bank of Chillicothe, and as president of the Chillicothe Engineering Company. His main business, however, is farming. Mr. Vause is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

PETER BOHN. The activities of Peter Bohn as a business man have been well known in Chillicothe for a great many years, and his name is likewise associated with much of the city's municipal, social and educational life and affairs. He is the type of a sturdy, vigorous, public spirited citizen.

Born September 7, 1855, in Chillicothe, he is a son of John and Catherine (Litler) Bohn. His father was born in Germany and accompanied by his wife and one child emigrated to America in 1853. In some particulars this journey was rather remarkable. The little family started at Hamburg, Germany, on a sailing vessel, accomplished the entire distance between Hamburg and Chillicothe, their final destination, by deep sea, river and canal boats. The sailing vessel landed them at New Orleans and thence came up the Mississippi River, up the Ohio as far as Portsmouth, Ohio, and there embarked on a canal boat on the old Ohio Canal, finally landing on Hickory Street in Chillicothe. In the fall of 1859 John Bohn engaged in the grocery and saloon business on Main Street near Paint Street and continued in that line until his death in 1876. He was an esteemed citizen of Chillicothe, much interested in public affairs, and was a democrat in politics. He was also a member of the Eintracht Singing Society and Social Organization composed mostly of people from the old country.

Out of a family of nine children, Peter Bohn is the only one now living. He grew up in Chillicothe, gained his education in St. Peter's Catholic parochial schools and at the age of twenty began business as a dealer in fruit, his stand being at the corner of Main and Paint streets. He was in business there continuously until April 1, 1897, and afterwards conducted business in an adjacent block from 1907. Since then his business establishment has been at 93 East Main Street, and through a great many years he has steadily prospered and has a large and profitable trade.

Mr. Bohn is a Catholic, is a member of the St. Ignatius Council, Knights of Columbus, and was one of the charter members of this the first council of the Knights of Columbus established in Chillicothe on January 6, 1906.

His part as a public spirited citizen has been one of much importance. He was elected township clerk of Scioto Township in 1885 and held that office for five consecutive terms, 1885 to 1891. In 1901 he was elected township treasurer and from March, 1913, to 1914, held both positions of clerk and treasurer. In 1913 he was elected township clerk and reelected in 1915. For several years he has also served as clerk of the board of education and treasurer of school funds, which position he still holds.

On January 10, 1879, in Chillicothe Mr. Bohn married Miss E. Florence Kelley, daughter of William C. Kelley, of Highland County. She died July 13, 1916.

JAMES V. HARNESS. On the farm on which he now resides, on Chillicothe Rural Route No. 2, in Liberty Township, James V. Harness was born September 13, 1863. This is one of the old historic spots of Ross County, relics of the Mound Builders having been found on the Harness farm, and here Mr. Harness has spent his entire life. He has devoted himself undeviatingly to agricultural operations, has made a success of his enterprises and through his good citizenship had added to the reputation of a family the name of which has been well and favorably known in this section for more than a century.

The first of the name to come to Ross County was Joseph Harness, a pioneer of 1798, who located on the farm in Liberty Township which is now owned by J. I. Vause. A close relative of Joseph Harness was George Harness, the great-grandfather of James V. Harness. George Harness' son was John Harness, and the latter's son was Charles E. Harness, the father of James V. Charles E. Harness was born in Hardy County, Virginia, October 8, 1814, and received his education in the public schools of his native place. Not satisfied with his prospects in the Old Dominion, at the age of twenty-six years he mounted his horse, practically his sole earthly possession, and started on his way overland to the fertile fields of Ohio, where his relatives, who had gone before him, were making a success of their ventures. Mr. Harness had some difficulty in getting a start, but finally leased a large tract and in the years that followed gradually worked his way to the ownership

of 1,250 acres of land. Mr. Harness was one of the most industrious men of his day and locality and won to success through good management and untiring energy. Probably the reason that he had no capital when he came to the new country was because of his generosity in helping others in Virginia, and in Ohio he never turned a deaf ear to the needy, for, having succeeded himself, he desired to see others win success. A lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church, he gave liberally to its various movements and did much for the cause of religion in his neighborhood. In politics, Mr. Harness was a democrat, but never desired public office. He married Miss Mary Vause, and of their children the following are living at this writing: Lillie V., the wife of J. M. Penisten; Ella V., the wife of Edward Van Meter; Misses Mary and Kate; Charles E., who is engaged in farming in Liberty Township; and James V. One son, John M., who was engaged in farming, is now deceased.

James V. Harkness was reared on the home farm in Liberty Township, and attended the district school of his neighborhood. He was about twenty years of age when he began agricultural operations on his own account, and farming and stock raising have been his vocations throughout life. He has succeeded because of his industry, his practicality and his good judgment, and at the same time has maintained a high reputation for honesty and integrity and fair dealing among his associates.

Mr. Harness is unmarried. He is fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in politics is a democrat. Aside from showing an interest in and supporting movements for the benefit of his community, he has taken little part in public affairs. He is a stockholder in the Valley Savings Bank and Trust Company. Some years ago, on the Harness farm, there were found a number of rich copper relics, left here by the Mound Builders. This valuable and interesting collection was presented to the State Archæological Society, of which Mr. Harness is a life member.

CASPER D. GUNLOCK. Good roads make travel easy through Ross County, Ohio, and those who stop for any purpose in Liberty Township are very apt to take notice of the 300-acre farm that is operated by Casper D. Gunlock. Its well-cultivated fields and its great show of healthy stock all proclaim that a careful, competent farmer is in charge. Mr. Gunlock came on this place, known as the Lee farm, after many years of agricultural experience on a farm of his own in another county.

Casper D. Gunlock was born July 25, 1871, in Liberty Township, Jackson County, Ohio. His parents were Fred and Lena (Miller) Gunlock. The father was born in Germany, January 28, 1836, and was brought to the United States by his parents when nine years old. They settled in Jackson County, Ohio, where he spent the remainder of his life, following farming as an occupation, together with operating a threshing machine, being the first man to invest in a threshing outfit in Jackson County. He was an honest, upright man and was a worthy member of the Lutheran Church. In 1863 he was married to Lena

Miller, who was born in Jackson County, January 20, 1843, of German parents, and seven children were born to them, three of whom survive: Casper D.; Mollie, who was born December 22, 1868, is the wife of Charles Davis; and Lillie, who was born July 19, 1882, is the wife of E. D. Heibel. Lena, Jane, Mazie and Randolph are deceased. The father of the above family died November 10, 1894, and the mother on April 21, 1884. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Casper D. Gunlock was reared on the home farm and until sixteen years of age attended the country schools. He remained with his father until the latter's death and then managed the farm for the family until after his own marriage, when he bought it and continued on the place as a general farmer until he sold it in 1910. He then came to Ross County, and for the past three years has been operating the Lee farm. Mr. Gunlock is a well-informed, intelligent and practical man and his methods of handling his land and also his wisdom in raising fine grade stock prove that Ross County in him has a sensible, wide-awake agriculturist.

Mr. Gunlock was married January 22, 1896, to Miss Armada Dyke, who was born in Jackson Township, Pike County, Ohio, September 18, 1876. Her father, William Dyke, was a native of Meigs County, Ohio. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gunlock, as follows: Ernest G., Harrison T., Walter R., Arthur E., Minnie L., Clarence T., Clara M., George T., Edna L., and one deceased. These children have been given public school advantages and fine home training. Mrs. Gunlock is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In politics Mr. Gunlock is a republican. For a number of years he has been an Odd Fellow, belonging to Garfield Lodge, No. 710, of which he is past noble grand. He belongs also to Leota Tribe, No. 116, Red Men, of which he is past sachem.

J. E. COUNTS. It is interesting to note that there are people in many sections of the United States, notably in Ross County, Ohio, who personally own more land than some of the princes in foreign countries govern and call their rights sovereign. Prior to the great war that involved Europe in 1914, there were principalities innumerable that by no means aggregated as many acres as are owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Counts, prominent residents of Jefferson Township, Ross County, who are representatives of old pioneer families of this section of Ohio.

J. E. Counts, who resides on and personally operates 450 acres of some of the best land in Ross County, was born May 3, 1860, in Darke County, Ohio, near Palestine, and is a son of L. F. and Lucretia Counts. His father was born in Virginia and at the age of four years was brought to Ross County, Ohio. He was reared at Richmond Dale, attended the early schools of the village and then learned the blacksmith trade. For sixty-four continuous years he operated a blacksmith shop at that point. He was well and widely known, was identified with the growth of the place and was one of the charter members, without doubt, of the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges, in which he continued his interest. He survived into vigorous old age and it is recorded that he deftly shod a horse on

the day following his eightieth birthday. He was one of the pillars of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

To L. F. Counts and his wife, Lucretia, four children were born, namely: J. Edward; Charles L., who is a miller at Richmond Dale; Jennie L., who is the wife of Thomas M. Heath; and Daisy, who is the wife of T. G. Hedges.

J. E. Counts was reared at Richmond Dale and attended school there and learned the blacksmith trade in his father's shop, afterward working at the same, at intervals, until he was twenty-three years old. For eight years he was in the educational field, being a successful teacher for that period. Since then he has given his attention largely to looking after his large property, on which he carries on farming along modern lines and has met with success in this undertaking.

On October 17, 1888, Mr. Counts was united in marriage with Miss Lillie E. Peppers, who is a daughter of H. W. and Eliza (Kelley) Peppers. The father of Mrs. Counts was born in 1826 in Jefferson Township, Ross County, Ohio, and on May 6, 1860, was married to Eliza Kelley, who was born in Liberty Township, Ross County, December 6, 1838. Mrs. Counts was one of three children born to her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Counts have five children: J. W. and K. G., twins, the former of whom is a graduate of the Chillicothe High School and a Detroit institution and is now in the employ of the United States Government, and the latter assists his father; Rondeau L., who is a graduate of the high school; Rebecca B., who is a graduate also of the high school; and Henry L., who is yet a student.

Mrs. Counts was born and reared on the farm of 600 acres which she now owns. This was the old Kelley farm and belonged to her maternal grandfather. The Kelley family came to Ross County, Ohio, in 1811 and entered their first land in 1815 and later added more land to their original entry. The entry papers are now in the possession of Mrs. Counts, bearing the signature of James Madison, President of the United States, and since they were issued this land continued in the Kelley name until it became the inheritance of Mrs. Counts. Thus Mr. and Mrs. Counts are among the heavy taxpayers of Ross County.

In politics Mr. Counts has always been a democrat, but with the exception of serving as assessor of Jefferson Township, he has never accepted any public office. He belongs to Garfield Lodge, No. 710, Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand.

J. R. MOTTER, M. D. The profession of medicine, in our wonderfully developing twentieth century, is not only keeping step with the advance line in science, but under some circumstances is leading the way. Largely made up of men of learning, patience, foresight, scientific exactitude of thought and deduction, it offers healing to the afflicted at its doors but never ceases to seek for the causes yet hidden that cause untimely death to mankind. This attitude, almost general, is what gives the profession its dignity and what attracts to it so many men of the highest type of character. One of these two whom atten-

tion may be respectfully called is Dr. J. R. Motter, physican and surgeon at Londonderry, Ohio, who for thirty-five years has devoted his time and talents to medical service.

J. R. Motter was born in the village which is now his place of residence, March 18, 1853. His parents were Austin and Jane (Williamson) Motter. The family is of French extraction and some of its members were among the early colonists in Virginia. The first of the name to come north of the Ohio River and settle in Ohio was George Motter, the grandfather of Doctor Motter. He brought his family with him, including his son Austin, then about eight years old, and took up his residence in Chillicothe, Ohio. There for many years afterward he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, including dealing in horses. At the time of his death he was considered a man of ample fortune. As the result of a life of probity, good citizenship and general usefulness, he enjoyed the esteem of his neighbors to such an extent that they more than once honored him with election to places of responsibility.

Austin Motter, father of Doctor Motter, was born at Richmond, Virginia. After his school days were over he assisted his father in the business, to which he succeeded and continued to carry it on for some years at Chillicothe. After disposing of his interests there he came to Londonderry and again embarked in a mercantile business. Subsequently he entered the employ of the firm of Shaw, Barber & Company, of Cincinnati, with which house he remained connected during the closing decade of his life. He was united in marriage with Jane Williamson and six children were born to them: George W., who died in 1912; J. R.; Ella S., deceased wife of J. W. Ratcliffe; Hattie M., the deceased wife of William Erskine; Mary, wife of James Walker; and Beatrice J., now deceased.

J. R. Motter attended school at Chillicothe, laying the foundation upon which later his professional education was built. His preparatory medical reading was done with Dr. Thomas Faraby, of Londonderry, being a student there for three years, following which he entered the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati, a hoary institution founded in 1819. In 1873 Doctor Motter was graduated from that college, being then but twenty years old. He entered into practice at Allenville, in Vinton County, Ohio, remaining in that field for three years, and returning then to Londonderry, his old home, opened an office that it may be said has never since been closed. Doctor Motter is widely known over the county and not only enjoys professional regard but personal esteem, winning the first through his skill and securing the latter through personal high character.

Doctor Motter was married on August 29, 1883, to Miss Ida M. Faust, who is a daughter of Joseph and Abigail Faust. The father of Mrs. Motter was born in Germany and was brought to the United States when six years old. He grew up at Lancaster, Fairfield County, and later came to Ross County. Doctor and Mrs. Motter have two children: Edwin Cameron and Jettie M. The latter resides with her parents.

Edwin Cameron Motter was born in Ohio in 1884. After his gradu-

ation from the university at Athens in 1897, he immediately entered the Ohio University and was graduated from that institution in 1904 with his bachelor of arts degree, following which he read law with the firm of Minshall and Minshall and later with Wade Ellis, and was graduated from the law department of the Ohio State University in 1907. Mr. Motter looked westward for an attractive field for practice and located at Muskogee, Oklahoma, then Indian Territory, and he was appointed first assistant attorney in Dawes Commission. After serving in that office for eighteen months he resigned and later was appointed attorney-general and special attorney for the United States at Muskogee. After serving three years in a very difficult position he resigned and entered into an independent practice of law.

Doctor Motter has always taken an active part, as becomes an intelligent and public-spirited citizen, in public affairs, and on numerous occasions has been selected as a delegate to republican conventions, county, state and national. He served as sergeant-at-arms of the convention in 1896, when William McKinley, of beloved memory, was nominated for the presidency. In local affairs he has always shown good judgment, public spirit and enlightened views, declining many offices but consenting to serve on the school board, of which he has been president for fifteen years.

J. G. BONE. Few men have lent more practical encouragement to the milling business in Ross County, Ohio, than has J. G. Bone, owner of the Londonderry Mill on Salt Creek and the Joe Dixon Mill. Mr. Bone was formerly a farmer, and still the owner of a good agricultural property, but since 1907 has devoted his interests uninterruptedly to the milling business. He is a native of Vinton County, Ohio, and was born on a farm, February 11, 1864, a son of Samuel and Sarah (Jordan) Bone.

The Bone family of Ross County, Ohio, originally came from that sturdy class known as the Pennsylvania Dutch, and from the Keystone State the first Ohioan of the name came to Jefferson County. There was born William Bone, the grandfather of J. G. Bone, who moved from that community at an early date to Vinton County and passed the rest of his life there as a farmer. Samuel Bone, father of J. G. Bone, was born in Vinton County, received an ordinary education in the public schools and was reared as a farmer, a vocation which he adopted when entering upon his independent career. For several years he operated the old homestead which his father had owned before him, but subsequently moved to another farm, which he continued to develop and work during the remainder of his life. Both he and his wife died in 1888, having been the parents of seven children, all of whom grew to maturity and are still living: J. G., of this notice; Mrs. Sarah Johnson, of St. Louis, Missouri; Nancy, a resident of Chillicothe, Ohio; Viola, who resides at Londonderry; James, of New London, Missouri; Pinkney, of Lancaster, Ohio; and A. S., of Londonderry. Samuel Bone was not politically active, being a quiet, rather unassuming man who was well

satisfied with the activities he could secure from his vocation. However, he took a good citizen's part in the promotion of his home community's interests and was generous in his support of beneficial movements. He was a religious man, but was not connected with any particular church denomination.

The district schools of Vinton County furnished J. G. Bone with his early educational training, and after his own education was completed he was engaged for several terms in teaching school, making his home on the farm and working thereon during the summer months. Thus he remained, taking care of his parents and keeping the family together until his parents died. Mr. Bone continued his operations on the old place until 1907, and is still the owner of 120 acres in Jackson Township, Vinton County, now occupied by a renter. In the year mentioned Mr. Bone came to Londonderry and started in the milling business in partnership with Thomas Stevens, these gentlemen purchasing the Salt Creek Mill. It was in a run-down condition, and Messrs. Bone and Stevens built up the business and repaired the mill, but it continued in existence only one year, when Mr. Bone exchanged his interests and assumed complete control of the Salt Creek Mill, which he has since conducted. He is now the owner of this property, as he is also of the Buck Dixon planing and grist mill at Londonderry, which is operated in conjunction. Mr. Bone has built up a substantial and profitable business which has its own established place in the commercial life of the community and which bears an excellent reputation in business circles. He has interest in the Chillicothe Milling Company, which is now building a large mill at that place. Mr. Bone's financial success is augmented by a recognized moral influence. He carries with him into business and social life a splendid ethical perspective, and a capacity for acknowledging the good and weeding out the undesirable in general existence. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Allansville Lodge, No. 855, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and South Bloomingville Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men. Politically, he affiliates with the democrats, and while living in Jackson Township was elected by that party as township clerk for five years and as justice of the peace for twelve years. Mr. Bone's present home is at Gillespieville, in Liberty Township, in the vicinity of which he has numerous warm and sincere friends.

CORNELIUS HOOK. The Town of Vigo in Ross County is perhaps as widely known among brick and tile manufacturers over the country as any community in Ohio. This is due to the fact that it is the home of the Ohio Kiln Company, manufacturers and designers of the famous kilns patented by Mr. Cornelius Hook.

Mr. Hook has spent most of his lifetime in the manufacturing of clay products and the operating of kilns, and out of the wealth of his experience has invented what is known as the Improved Hook Patent Up and Down Draft Kiln. The claims made for this kiln have been amply substantiated by the experience of brick manufacturers all over the United States and Canada. It is said to be the only system whereby

heat can be applied to bottom and top at the same time and by which the ware while being burned is subjected to an equal and constant heat in all parts of the kiln and thereby preventing the overburning of some portions and the underburning of others.

Mr. Hook is a native of Vinton County, Ohio, and was born near McArthur, August 4, 1867, a son of Abraham and Marie Hook. His parents were substantial farming people in Southern Ohio. His father died in 1915 and his mother in 1881. Of their children, six are now living: Robert; Calvin; Edwin, of Dayton, Ohio; Barney, of Trimble, Ohio; Stella, wife of Daniel Skivers, of Athens, Ohio; and Cornelius.

All of the education Cornelius Hook acquired was in the common district schools. When he was fourteen years of age his mother died, and after that he had to depend upon his own resources. He found employment in the brick and tile industry and has had nearly thirty years of practical experience in that line.

About 1894 Mr. Hook came to Vigo, and it was during his employment in the Vigo Tile Mill that he worked out his first patent for the burning of brick. He invented a down draft system, which was a great improvement over the old-fashioned methods of operating kilns, such as had been in practice for generations. This offered a saving both in time and fuel, but it did not satisfy all the conditions of the case. The principal difficulty was that the contents of the kiln were not evenly burned. If the bottom tier was properly burned, very often the top layers were overburned.

It was to correct these difficulties that Mr. Hook set himself to the task of devising a system which would subject all the contents of a kiln to equal heat at the same time and would obviate the losses caused by overburning or underburning. The outcome of it all was his patent up and down draft kiln, on which he secured his first patent on September 9, 1913. After securing this patent he sold his old patent on the down draft kiln, and the Ohio Kiln Company now gives its entire time to exploiting the advantages of his late patent. The company in the past three years has sold its plans or has built under personal supervision a great many kilns with up and down draft systems in all parts of the Middle West, in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, New York, and also in Canada, and a number of growing letters of testimonial to the efficiency of the new system have been received and are on file in the company's office at Vigo. Mr. Hook's patent insured perfect heat control in the operation of kilns, and not have the old troubles of overburning and underburning been overcome, but there is an additional saving due to the fact that the contents of kilns can by his device be cooled more quickly, and therefore a large plant can be operated with fewer kilns and at the same time without decreasing the output.

On December 25, 1875, Mr. Hook married Miss Effie Maxwell, daughter of James and Esther Maxwell. They are the parents of seven children: Hazel E., Clifford E., Edith M., Howard J., Bessie M., Edwin C., and Louis E. All the children are still at home, and the oldest

daughter is a graduate of the Vigo public schools. The other children, with the exception of the two youngest, are still in school.

Politically, Mr. Hook is a democrat, but has taken no active interest in politics beyond casting his vote and doing what is required of every good citizen in his community. He carries insurance in the Illinois Commercial Men's Association.

JOSEPH M. HANLEY, M. D. Devoting his time and attention to the practice of his chosen profession, Joseph M. Hanley, M. D., of Chillicothe, has built up an extensive patronage in the city and suburbs, and by reason of his skill and ability has gained prominence in the medical circles of Ross County. He is a native born citizen, the date of his birth being September 24, 1855.

William B. Hanley, the doctor's father, was born at Shanagolden, County Limerick, Ireland, in 1818, and was there educated. On leaving school, he served an apprenticeship with a cloth merchant, from him learning the details of the trade. In 1836, a young and ambitious youth yet in his teens, he immigrated to America, and after spending a short time in Canada made his way to Detroit, where he soon found remunerative employment, first in the building of the Erie Canal, as bookkeeper, and later filling the same position with the contractors that were building toll pikes in that locality. Coming from that city to Chillicothe, Ohio, he was in business as a general merchant, on Paint Street, from 1840 until 1852, the year in which the larger portion of the business section of the city was destroyed by fire. He was not burned out, but he discontinued his general store, and soon after opened a merchant tailoring establishment on West Water Street. At that early day all clothing was made to order, and he conducted a prosperous business until his death, November 3, 1870, when but fifty-two years of age.

The maiden name of the wife of William B. Hanley was Mary Ann Gallagher, born in Leeland, Enniskillen, Ireland. She survived her husband, dying at the age of seventy-eight years. They were the parents of several children, as follows: Anna, wife of W. B. Thorpe, of Auburn, New York; William B.; Mary, who married John Boulger, and spent her last years in New York City; Martin James, in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company, resides in New York City; Joseph M., the special subject of this brief biographical sketch; George, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Frank, who died when twenty years old; and John. William B., the oldest son, served four years in the Union army during the Civil war, first in the cavalry, and later in the infantry, and is now a real estate dealer in Tacoma, Washington. John entered the Union army as drummer when but a mere boy, and was with Sherman in his famous march to the sea, later continuing with his command through the Carolinas to Washington, where he took part in the Grand Review. He now lives in Dayton, Ohio.

Having completed the course of study in the public schools of Chillicothe, Joseph M. Hanley began the study of medicine in the office of Doctors Waddle & Cearce. He later attended lectures in Cincinnati, at

the Ohio Medical College, and in the spring of 1877 was graduated from the Columbus Medical College. The ensuing two years Doctor Hanley was connected with the Hospital for the Insane at Athens, Ohio, being assistant physician the first year, and assistant superintendent of the institution the last year. Returning to Chillicothe in 1879, Doctor Hanley has been in practice here since, being one of the longest established and best known physicians in this part of the state.

Doctor Hanley married, June 25, 1878, Mary I. Bier, a native of Chillicothe, being a daughter of Joseph Bier, and a granddaughter of Andre Boehr, as the name was originally spelled, a pioneer of Ross County. Andre Boehr was born, in October, 1800, in Illhausen, Alsace, which then formed a part of France, and was there brought up and educated. Embarking on board a sailing vessel in 1833, he came to the United States, landing in New Orleans after an ocean voyage of forty-four days. From there he came up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to Portsmouth, Ohio, thence to Chillicothe. Locating in Union Township, Ross County, he bought a tract of land on Bier Run, and began life in this country as a farmer. A few years later he opened his house, which was situated on what is now the Frankfort Pike, to the public, and was there a resident until his death, in 1870. The place in which he located became known as Biers Run, and the postoffice there established bore that name until discontinued on account of the establishment of the rural delivery service. Andre Boehr married Madeline Peterman, who was born in the same part of Alsace that he was, and who came to this country in the same vessel that he did. She was born in 1808, and died in 1876. Of the ten children born of their union, six grew to years of maturity, as follows: Joseph, Mary, John, Elizabeth, Annie, and Lena.

Joseph Bier, Mrs. Hanley's father, was born April 3, 1835, on the home farm in Union Township, Ross County, and as a boy and youth assisted in its management. Entering the employ of John Keezer at the age of eighteen years, he served an apprenticeship of three years at the blacksmith's trade, and the following five years operated a smithy of his own at Biers Run. About 1858 he located in Chillicothe, and from that time until 1870 was engaged in the grocery business on South Paint Street. He then opened a shoe store on North Paint Street, and at the end of ten years sold out at an advantage, and having invested his money in land lying on the Scioto River, a mile and a half north of Chillicothe, he was there successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1897. Leaving his son in charge of the estate in that year, he has since lived in Chillicothe, retired from active business cares. He married, in 1856, Mary Zind, who was born near Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1858, a daughter of Stephen and Frederline Zind, natives of Germany, and to them four children were born, as follows: Mary Isabell, wife of Doctor Hanley; Thomas, a resident of Columbus; Catherine, wife of Neal Barmann, of Savannah, Missouri; and Edward, engaged in farming in Ross County. Mr. and Mrs. Bier are members of Saint Peter's Roman Catholic Church. The union of Doctor and Mrs. Hanley has been brightened by the birth of five children, namely: Joseph C., who died

at the age of five years; Mary, Joseph Carroll, William Lawrence and Editha. Mary married Harry Gunning, and they have three children, Helen, Harry Joseph, and John Carroll. William L. married Anna Rearley.

As a young man Doctor Hanley joined a military company organized in Chillicothe soon after the close of the Civil war, the Sill Guards, which was one of the five companies organized under the state laws, among the others having been the Cleveland Grays, of Cleveland, and the Lightly Grays, of Cincinnati. He was made corporal of the company, with which he was associated for five years. The doctor was later made assistant surgeon of the Sixth Regiment, Ohio National Guards, commanded by Col. John Entekin, and was with his regiment in Cincinnati at the time of the courthouse riots. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and for two years served as a member of the Chillicothe Board of Education, but on account of his professional duties was forced to decline a re-election. He served as a member of the local board of health from 1901 until 1904, and has now served in the same office since 1912.

The doctor is a member of the Ross County Academy of Medicine, and of the Ohio State Medical Society. Fraternally, Doctor Hanley is a member of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of Flaget Council, Knights of Columbus; of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 1071, Ancient Order of Hibernians; and is a demitted member of Chillicothe Aerie, Order of Eagles. The doctor was one of the organizers, and the first grand knight, of Flaget Council, which he has represented as state delegate from its formation until the present time. He was its delegate to the national convention held in St. Louis in 1908; to the convention that met in Detroit in 1911; and is alternate delegate to the convention in Seattle in 1915. Doctor Hanley and his family are members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

THOMAS J. ORR, JR. Since its establishment in Ross County prior to the War of 1812, the Orr family has unfailingly sustained the most intelligent and practical interests of community and county, and has been equally prominent in manipulating the implements of the agriculturist and in discharging the duties of citizenship. Its men have demonstrated the worth of industry and integrity and its women have reared their children to be fair, honest and considerate in their dealings with their fellow-men. It was in such an atmosphere of encouragement that Thomas Orr, Jr., was reared by his parents, Zebulon and Mary Priscilla (Purdum) Orr, in the home in Springfield Township, Ross County, where he was born August 1, 1855.

The great-grandfather of Mr. Orr was James Orr, who came to Ross County among its earliest settlers, and who here died and was buried at Schooley's Station, in Liberty Township, in 1802. His son, Thomas Orr, was born in the East, was a boy when he went with the family to South Carolina, and thence to Virginia and finally came to Ohio. As soon as he reached manhood, Thomas Orr entered land from the United

States Government in Liberty Township, but did not live there long, soon changing his place of residence to Springfield Township, where he located properties in 1812 and 1820, the patents for these tracts still being in the possession of Thomas Orr, Jr. In all he owned 320 acres, or a half section, and was considered a fairly well-to-do man for his day and locality. He was an ardent supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a regular attendant, and died in the faith.

Zebulon Orr, father of Thomas Orr, was one of a large family of children, and was born in Springfield Township, April 22, 1830. Feeling that he could better his condition if alone, he left home in young manhood, but returned to his home in Springfield Township and secured a tract of 136 acres. On this property he resided for about eight years, and for seven years following made his home where Mrs. Ellen Allen now resides, but this he also sold to purchase the present home farm of 200 acres, lying on Chillicothe Rural Route No. 2, on Londonderry Pike and in Liberty Township, five and one-half miles east of the City of Chillicothe. Here he has since made his home and carried on his farming operations, although he is now practically retired from the labor of the farm and is enjoying the reward of rest and comfort that is his due for his years of steady and unremitting toil. Mary Purdum was born also in Springfield Township, in 1832. She has been the mother of seven children, as follows: Thomas, Jr.; John N., who is a resident of California; Mary E., who lives with her parents; Sarah E., who has followed the vocation of an educator throughout her life and is now assistant principal of the Butte (Montana) High School; Laura E., also a teacher, now in charge of a school in Ross County; Lillian E., who is the widow of John E. Heizer, of Norwood, Ohio; and James H., a resident of Liberty Township. The father of these children is a rather quiet man, caring nothing for public honors, but rather preferring to devote himself to his farm and his family. He is held in the highest esteem in the community, where there are many to testify to his generosity, his kindness and his many sterling qualities of mind and heart.

Thomas Orr received his education in the public schools, and has always been a farmer. Like his father, he has found his greatest satisfaction among his fields and in the family circle, but he has been called upon to serve as a member of the school board and as a trustee of Liberty township. In his political affiliations he is a republican. With the other members of the family, he attends the Concord Methodist Episcopal Church, and is serving as a member of the official board. Mr. Orr has shown that he is a good farmer, with a knowledge of every department of his calling; he is a business man who is maintaining the family name for integrity; this is a combination which makes for a fine and helpful citizenship, and one particularly worthy of emulation.

O. J. SMITH. Three generations of the Smith family have contributed to the agricultural development of Ross County, the first represented by Michael Smith, the second by Abel Smith and the third by O. J. Smith. All have been men of sterling integrity of character who have helped

their communities grow as well as to develop along civic, educational, moral and social lines.

O. J. Smith, of the third generation, who is living on his farm of thirty-five and one-half acres in Liberty Township, and also the owner of 170 acres in Springfield Township, was born near the village of Londonderry, Ross County, March 29, 1868, a son of Abel and Hannah A. (Jones) Smith. His father was also born in Liberty Township, a son of Michael Smith, who emigrated to Ross County as a single man and took up land from the United States Government near Londonderry. With the thrift that was his inheritance from his German ancestors, he became a well-to-do man farmer, and at the same time was known as a good and honorable citizen. A good constitution, an active, well-balanced mind and an upright character seem to have been the endowment of Abel Smith. His parents gave their son such advantages of education as their isolated and unsettled condition would permit, and as soon as he was old enough he lent his aid in the submission of the woods and the soil. When the Civil war came on he enlisted in a regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry and served bravely for eighteen months, when he became disabled and received his honorable discharge. Not long after his return from the war he was married and at that time settled near Londonderry, but after four years went to Missouri, where a like period was passed. Returning in 1874, Mr. Smith rented a farm here for a number of years, and then purchased the farm in Liberty Township on which he now lives. In politics a republican, he did not desire public office, but preferred to give his entire attention to his own affairs. His religious connection was with the Methodist Episcopal Church and for many years he served as class leader at Concord. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were the parents of five children: Forney, a resident of Londonderry; O. J., of this review; Ammy L., who is the wife of William Miller, of Liberty Township; Flora B., the wife of Hezekiah Collins, also of that township; and Bertha, who died at the age of seventeen years.

O. J. Smith received a district school education and grew up on the home farm, where he remained until his marriage. This event took place December 19, 1894, on which date he was united with Miss Ida Orr, who was born in Springfield Township, Ross County, daughter of Presley and Martha (Bradbury) Orr. Mr. Orr, a native of Springfield Township, died in May, 1912, while Mrs. Orr still survives and makes her home at Chillicothe. There were three children in the Orr family: Edward B., of Springfield Township; Bertha, the wife of Jacob Caldwell, of Jefferson Township; and Ida. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Smith settled in Londonderry Village, where Mr. Smith was for two years engaged in the grocery business, after which he removed to Jones Crossing and there established himself in a similar enterprise. This latter he conducted for a period of fifteen or sixteen years, and then, after a short period spent at Chillicothe, he returned to the vocation of his youth, that of farming. In February, 1913, he went back to the home place in Liberty Township, where he has remained ever since. He has a well developed and highly profitable farm, the operation of

which he carries on in a scientific manner. He has well appointed and commodious buildings, appointments and improvements of the best which eloquently evidences his knowledge and good judgment in that direction. A republican in politics, he has not been tempted from his agricultural labors to seek public preferment, although always ready to assist any good cause. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Concord and Mrs. Smith also belongs to that congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son: Robert Orr, a graduate of the Chillicothe High School, a teacher in the public schools for one year in Liberty Township, and now engaged in farming. He married Miss Marguerite Jones, and they have one son,—Robert Orr Smith, Jr.

CHARLES HESS. Comparatively a newcomer in Ross County, Charles Hess has none the less identified himself with farming activities of Liberty Township so progressively and successfully that he is well accounted one of the foremost residents of that locality.

His farm comprises 242 acres, a part of the old Drummond homestead. It is situated on Rural Route No. 3 near Gillespieville. Mr. Hess was a practical farmer in West Virginia, where his family had lived for generations, but finally sold out his interests in that state and came to join his fortunes with Ross County, where he has lived for the past fifteen years.

He was born December 27, 1854, in Upshur County, West Virginia, near the county seat of Buckhannon. His parents were Abraham and Elizabeth (Lewis) Hess. His father was born in Monongahela County close to Morgantown, West Virginia, and grew to manhood near the line dividing the states of West Virginia and Pennsylvania. At the age of twenty-three he went with his father, Peter Hess, to Upshur County, which was then largely a wilderness. Grandfather Peter Hess acquired 2,140 acres of land in that new district, and while busied with its development he died there. It was on a part of that large estate that Abraham Hess spent his years as a farmer. Elizabeth Lewis, his wife, was born and reared near Buckhannon in Upshur County, and her people were early residents there. Abraham Hess and wife had eight children: Mary, widow of Alexander Humphrey and living at Buckhannon, West Virginia; Susan, who died in Missouri, the wife of Leonard Mills; Ellen, who died in Upshur County, West Virginia, the wife of Ezra Woodson; Jeremiah, who died in Upshur County; John A., now deceased, was clerk of the Circuit Court in Upshur County and had he lived to serve out his last term would have been in the office continuously twenty-four years; Charles; Abraham, who died in infancy; and W. V., who is a farmer near Buckhannon, West Virginia. The father of these children was a man of excellent ability, had a fine and even temperament, was judicious and highly respected in his community, though his quiet, unassuming disposition caused him to avoid any conspicuous place in affairs.

Mr. Charles Hess received his early education in the common schools

near his father's home. He was reared on his father's farm and at the age of twenty-four, on August 17, 1878, he married Jennie Goodwin, a daughter of Elijah and Annie (Cutright) Goodwin.

After his marriage Mr. Hess and wife settled on a part of the old homestead, and eventually acquired a good farm of 168 acres. He lived there until he sold out to remove to Ross County. He arrived in Liberty Township November 3, 1902, and has since occupied his fine farm in that locality.

The eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Hess are: Iva, who is the wife of George Meeker of Harrison Township, Ross County; Alva, who lives in Liberty Township and married Eva Smith; Dela, who owns a farm in Liberty Township and married Ida Vest; Everett, who lives at home and married Rhoda Colmer; Orva, at home; Eva, wife of Tiffin Ault of Chillicothe; Ova and Virgil, both at home.

Mr. Hess is an active member of the Friends Church at Gillespieville and is one of the trustees of the society. He has always been active in church work and became a church member back in West Virginia. Politically he is a democrat. He is now serving as a member of the school board in his home township.

S. W. ARGANBRIGHT. A resident of Ross County for the past fifteen years, S. W. Arganbright has found the opportunity which an ambitious man craves in the fine farming community of Liberty Township. He owns and has developed one of the excellent farmsteads of that locality. His place of seventy acres is located a half mile west of Gillespieville on rural route No. 3. Mr. Arganbright is a man of progressive ideas, works his land systematically and profitably, and he and his wife are well thought of members of society in that community.

He represents a very old and honored name of Southern Ohio, and was born in Harrison township of Vinton County February 26, 1875. His parents were Madison and Margaret (Dixon) Arganbright. His father was also born in Harrison Township of Vinton County. The grandfather was George Arganbright, while the great-grandfather was Philip Arganbright. As a young married man Philip Arganbright came to Harrison Township in Vinton County about the year 1800. He was a pioneer there, and land being plentiful and cheap he took up and bought about 1,300 acres. He was busy with its improvement when he died, practically a young man. After his death his land was divided among his eight children, and George, on reaching his majority, took his share and after his marriage settled on his farm of fifty-eight acres and lived there until his death at the age of eighty-six years. George Arganbright and wife had nine children. Of these the eldest was Madison Arganbright, who lived in Vinton County, Ohio, but is now in Iowa. He and his wife had four children, one of whom died in infancy. The other four are Janie L., wife of S. M. Cozad of Columbus, Ohio; Flora, wife of Henry Robertson of Ottumwa, Iowa; Jacob M. of Keokuk County, Iowa, and S. W. Arganbright.

When Mr. Arganbright was five days old his mother died and after that he was reared in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Arganbright, in Harrison Township of Vinton County. While living with them he acquired the advantages of the common schools, and stayed at home and took his share of responsibilities in looking after the farm until he was twenty-five years of age.

On March 13, 1900, Mr. Arganbright married Hattie M. Ratcliff, a daughter of John W. and Ella S. Ratcliff. Mr. and Mrs. Arganbright are the parents of six children: Thelma V., Edwin H., Raymond R., Mary Margaret, James M. and Ernest J. The two older children are now in high school, and the next two are in the public schools.

After his marriage Mr. Arganbright located on his pleasant home in Liberty Township, and has since been recognized as one of the substantial citizens of that locality. He is an active member of Gillespieville Camp No. 6555 of the Modern Woodmen of America, and for the past seven years has served as clerk of the camp. In politics he is a democrat and for six years held the office of township assessor.

WALTER J. ERSKINE. The family of which Walter J. Erskine is a member is one of the well known and prominent ones of Liberty Township, and the farm on which he now resides is a property that has been developed into a fertile and productive country estate from its natural woods by those bearing the same name. Also Mr. Erskine was born in the same house which is now his home, and in it he has spent his entire life. Those holding the name of Erskine have established excellent agricultural records, and have been no less prominent in their citizenship, having been the incumbents of a number of high official positions within the gift of their fellow-citizens.

Walter J. Erskine was born in the old Erskine home, on rural route No. 2 out of Chillicothe, Londonderry Pike, Liberty Township, Ross County, Ohio, January 5, 1869, and is a son of Samuel B. and Sarah (Bunn) Erskine. His father was born on a farm which is now within the city limits and a part of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was given a good education, although the family was in moderate circumstances. As a youth he adopted the profession of school teaching, and it was as an educator that he came to Ross County, Ohio, in young manhood, practically without means, but possessed of an abundance of energy and ambition. For the first two or three years of his residence in Ross County, he taught in the early schools, and during the summer months worked as a farmer and at other honorable employment. Thus he was able to accumulate enough capital to purchase 160 acres of wood land in Liberty Township, a tract not yet touched by the hand of man. With his primitive equipment and lack of means, he had a hard struggle to develop a paying property, but this was finally accomplished and he rapidly thereafter advanced to success. It was he who built the present residence and other buildings, although these have been somewhat improved with the passing of the years and several have been enlarged in order to accommodate the growing equipment, stock and

produce. Mr. Erskine continued to engage in operations on this property during the remainder of his life, and here passed away, as did also his wife. They left many to mourn their loss, as both had made a distinct impression upon their community and had engaged in many good works. Mr. Erskine was a democrat, and, as a good and capable citizen, of known integrity, was frequently called upon for public service. He was called to represent Ross County in the Ohio Legislature, this being the same year that Larry O'Neil was elected congressman. After capably representing Ross County for four years, he was made a justice of the peace, and for many years dispensed justice among his neighbors in a manner that did much to preserve the community peace and to therefore aid its progress. Although reared in a Presbyterian family, he adopted the faith of the Friends Church, and continued a Quaker until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Erskine were the parents of eleven children, of whom eight are still living, as follows: William R., who is engaged in farming in Liberty Township; Estacia, of Chillicothe; Mary, wife of James Williams, of Liberty Township; George W., a minister with a charge in Kentucky; Belle, the wife of William Galbreath; Hattie, the wife of Michael Barrett, of Crestline, Ohio; Alice, the wife of S. K. Clark; and Walter J.

Walter J. Erskine received his education in the public schools and grew up on the home farm, on which he remained until about 1899, when he entered upon a period of railroading. For three or four years he was employed by the Erie Railroad as a brakeman, and for about 1½ years held a like position with the Baltimore and Ohio, but finally returned to the farm and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is now the owner of fifty-five acres of good land, on which he carries on diversified farming, a field in which he is making a decided success. He has good buildings and up-to-date equipment, and enjoys the reputation of being an authority upon many agricultural subjects.

Mr. Erskine was married in December, 1902, to Miss Alice Jones, daughter of Elwood and Mary Jones, residents of Lick Run, Springfield Township. Four children have been born to this union: Samuel B., who is attending high school; Mabel, in the graded school; and Elwood and Helen, who are at home. Mr. Erskine is a stanch democrat. He is not an office seeker, but is active in his support of men and measures which he believes will benefit his community.

JAMES O. HIGBY. An interesting fact of local and family history in Ross County is that the postoffice at Higby has been continuously under the management and direction of members of the Higby family through three generations, ever since it was established. The present postmaster is James O. Higby, a grandson of the original postmaster and merchant there. James O. Higby is a young and progressive citizen of Ross County, and is also active manager of the Higby store there, and is also conducting a farm in Franklin Township.

He was born at the old homestead in that township November 12, 1884. His parents were Charles D. and Mary L. (Crow) Higby. Charles

D. Higby was born in Richmond Dale of Jefferson Township, Ross County, on October 11, 1843. The grandparents were S. N. and Hannah (Davis) Higby, and this is a family which has been closely identified with the development of Ross County since pioneer days.

The late Charles D. Higby was reared in Richmond Dale, had some experience as clerk in a store there, and in early manhood, in 1861, enlisted in Company F of the Fifty-third Ohio Infantry. He was in his command with all its battles and marches until the close of the war, and his soldierly qualities gained him promotion from the ranks to quarter master sergeant. After the war he returned to Chillicothe, and for several years served as a deputy revenue collector under Marcus Boggs. After his marriage he moved to Higby's Station, and succeeded his father, S. N. Higby, as postmaster. When Charles Higby died, his successor was his son, James Higby. Charles Higby was postmaster and a general merchant at Higby's Station until his death in 1911. For about twenty-two years he also held the office of township treasurer, and that office his father, S. N. Higby, had also adorned for a number of years. Because of his varied prominence and usefulness, the name Charles D. Higby deserves a grateful memory in the minds of Ross County people. He was an active Mason, being affiliated with Scioto Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons, with the Royal Arch and Council, and with the Knights Templar Commandery, No. 8, at Chillicothe. In political matters he gave his support to the republican party. Charles D. Higby and wife had six children: Hattie D., wife of Hiram A. Smith, of Waverly, Ohio; Mamie B., still at home; Hannah D., wife of James E. Eisenhart, of Columbus; Charles Davis, Jr., who married Minnie J. Pendergrass and was drowned in the Scioto River March 10, 1914; the fifth child died in childhood, and the sixth is Mr. James O. Higby.

James O. Higby was reared in a home of substantial comfort and was given the advantages of the district schools and the Richmond Dale High School. Part of his early experience was connected with farming on the home place, and he also became a clerk in his father's store. On the death of his father he assumed the management of the store as well as the postoffice and continued in that line until November 6, 1914, when the building was destroyed by fire, and Joseph Higby formed a partnership and rebuilt the store and added to its stock. While this partnership still exists, Mr. James O. Higby is the active merchant.

Fraternally, he is affiliated with Orient Lodge, No. 321, Free and Accepted Masons, at Waverly, and belongs to the Royal Arch, the Council and the Knights Templar Commandery at Chillicothe. He is affiliated with Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Politically a republican, he was for some eight or ten years township treasurer, an office which his father and grandfather had filled before him. In 1915 he resigned this office on account of a department ruling by the Federal Government that Federal employes should not be permitted to hold local offices of this character.

FRANK BYRON MAULLAR. Numbered among the public-spirited and esteemed citizens of Chillicothe is Frank Byron Maullar, an extensive dealer in real estate, active and prominent in business, political and social circles. A native of Ohio, he was born February 24, 1875, on a farm situated in Perry County, near Portersville, being a descendant in the fourth generation from the immigrant ancestor, Maurice Maullar, the line being continued through his son, William Maullar, and his grandson, George William Maullar.

A native of Holland, Maurice Maullar came to America in early life, locating in Pennsylvania ere the days of railroads or canals. At the foot of the Allegheny Mountains, on the main thoroughfare leading from the East to the West, he opened a public house widely known as the "Stone Tavern." It became a stage station, and had not only good accommodations for man and beast, but had stockyards connected with it, making it a convenient and favorite stopping place for drovers traveling across the country with cattle and swine. There he lived to a good old age, being a very popular "mein host." His wife, whose maiden name was Evon Stenlof, was also born and bred in Holland.

William Maullar was born in 1810, in the Stone Tavern, in Western Pennsylvania, and was there brought up and educated. After serving an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade, he came to Ohio, and having established a shop at Harrisville, Harrison County, operated it successfully until his death, in 1843, while yet in manhood's prime. He married, after coming to Ohio, Elizabeth Davies, who was born in Belmont County, where her parents, John and Rachel (Collins) Davies, settled on coming from Wales, their native country, to Ohio. Her father was a stone mason, and in 1841 erected, on Captina Creek, a commodious stone house, in which both he and his wife spent their last years. Left a widow with three small children, Mrs. Elizabeth (Davies) Maullar kept her family together, and lived with her children until her death, at the age of seventy-six years. Her children were named John W., Jordan, and George William. Jordan enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war, and died while in the service, at Corinth, Mississippi.

George William Maullar, father of Frank Byron, was born in Harrisville, Harrison County, Ohio, July 4, 1843, and was but an infant when his father died. Having unfortunately lost an eye when a small boy, he was not eligible for the army at the outbreak of the Civil war, but he enlisted as a drummer boy in Company E, Seventy-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and went to the front with his command. At Fort Donelson, while the battle was raging the fiercest, he seized a gun, and from that time on fought in the ranks until late in 1862, when he was honorably discharged from the service on account of disability. Returning to Ohio, he engaged in farming, first in Morgan County, and then on his mother-in-law's estate, in Perry County. Coming from there to Ross County in 1877, he bought a home in Harrison Township, and eight years later removed to Londonderry, where he is now residing.

The maiden name of the first wife of George William Maullar was

Sarah Virginia Waterhouse. She was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, a daughter of James and Octavia J. (Clayton) Waterhouse, the former of whom was born in New York State, of English and Scotch ancestry, and the latter in Culpeper County, Virginia. The mother married for her second husband Street King, of Oakfield Township, Perry County, where she spent the closing years of her life. Mrs. Sarah V. (Waterhouse) Maullar died in 1884, leaving three children, Frank Byron, James A., and Bertha, and Mr. Maullar subsequently married for his second wife Rilla Phillips.

Attending first the rural schools, Frank Byron Maullar continued his studies in the graded schools of Londonderry, and at the age of nineteen years began his career as a teacher in Vinton County, teaching for a term at Cox Postoffice. As a teacher he earned the money to further advance his education, and after attending the Ohio University four terms, went to Valparaiso, Indiana, where he was for one term a student at the National Normal School. Mr. Maullar was subsequently successfully engaged in his pedagogical work until 1906, when he came to Chillicothe to establish himself in the real estate business, with which he has since been actively identified.

Mr. Maullar married, November 18, 1909, Almyra Donelson Woodruff, a daughter of John E. Woodruff, and granddaughter of Joseph Day and Susan Ann (Raynor) Woodruff, natives of New York State, and early settlers of Muskingum County, Ohio. Her paternal great-grandfather, Daniel Woodruff, a lifelong resident of New York State, married Hanna Trichtner. Her paternal grandmother, Susan Ann Raynor, was a daughter of Henry and Lois (Smith) Raynor, the former of whom was a native of England. Mrs. Maullar's father, John E. Woodruff, was born in the Empire State. He married Almyra Donelson, whose father, Levi Donelson, a native of Maryland, married, in Chillicothe, Elizabeth Roby, who was a Virginian by birth. Mr. and Mrs. Maullar have one child, Myron E. Maullar. Religiously, Mrs. Maullar is a member of the Walnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

Since casting his first presidential vote for William McKinley, Mr. Maullar has been a faithful adherent of the republican party, for sixteen years having been a member of the republican executive committee. He has served on the state senatorial committee, and has been a delegate to various district and state conventions. Fraternally, Mr. Maullar is a member of Scioto Lodge, No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Chillicothe Chapter, No. 6, Royal Arch Masons; of Chillicothe Council, No. 6, Royal and Select Masters; and of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

C. H. LANDRUM is a worthy representative of one of the old established families of Ross County, and resides on his attractive homestead half a mile southwest of Higby, in Franklin Township. Mr. Landrum has given most of his brief career to farming enterprise, but he is now a rural mail carrier on route No. 1 out of Higby.

He was born on his father's farm in Franklin Township of Ross

County, January 19, 1885, a son of W. T. and Mary (Borst) Landrum. W. T. Landrum, reference to whom will be found on other pages, was born in Richmond Dale of Jefferson Township, of German and Irish stock in the paternal line and of German ancestry in the maternal line. Mary Borst, who was born near Concord, Ohio, was also of German family. W. T. Landrum and wife had seven children: William H., of Franklin Township; Jacob R., now deceased; C. H.; Hannah D., wife of P. W. Workman, of Ironton, Ohio; Matilda, wife of C. E. Blaum of Waverly, Ohio; and Priscilla and Mary, now deceased.

C. H. Landrum grew up on his father's farm. He had the usual environments of the country boy, and was quite well educated. He attended the district schools and also took a business course in Chillicothe. He lived at home until December 30, 1908, when he married Miss Jessie Yoakum, daughter of Clay M. and Lottie (Weygandt) Yoakum, of Columbus, Ohio.

After his marriage Mr. Landrum located at Higby. Since February, 1907, he has been one of the rural mail carriers in this county. Politically, he is a republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Landrum are the parents of four children: Roseoe H., aged six years; May Ardell, aged five; Charles Lewis, three years old; and Leslie Willard, now two years of age.

ROBERT LEE HARNESS. A representative of that broad-minded, well-educated and ever progressive element which is molding the present and future agricultural policy of Ross County is found in the person of Robert Lee Harness, who is now cultivating 348 acres of some of the best land to be found in Liberty Township. He was born in his present home, on the old homestead of D. R. Harness, July 8, 1869, and is a son of D. R. and Rachael (Vause) Harness.

Daniel R. Harness was born at Moorefield, Hardy County Virginia (now West Virginia), and there grew to manhood. He was still a young man when he came to Ross County and located in Liberty Township, where his brother, Edwin, had preceded him some years. Edwin had married Mary Vause, and Daniel R. married her younger sister, Rachael, and shortly after their marriage they went to Illinois. There, however, they lived for only two years, after which they returned to Ross County and purchased a part of the old Col. William H. Harness farm of 1,138 acres. There they passed the remainder of their lives, developing a good farm and rearing a family that has been a credit to its training and to its community. They had nine children: Fannie, who is the wife of John H. Cunningham, of Bloomington, Illinois; Virginia Lee, who lives at Chillicothe; Carrie, who lives with her sister Grace, in Liberty Township; Grace, who is the wife of James Vause, of Liberty Township; Robert Lee, of this notice; James, who died in 1899; Rebecca and Anna, who died in infancy; and Elizabeth Lee, who died at eighteen years of age.

Robert Lee Harness was reared on the home farm in Liberty Township, and received his literary education in the public schools, this being

followed by a course in a business college. With this preparation, he returned to the home farm, a tract of 348 acres, on Chillicothe Rural Route No. 2, where he has since made his home. This property is devoted to the classes of stock and products which flourish best in this community, and each department is conducted according to the best scientific knowledge attainable. It would be difficult to find any advantage of country existence which has not been introduced on this model farm, or any luxury of equipment invented for the lifting of the drudgery of farm work.

Mr. Harness was married November 24, 1892, to Miss Sallie Graham Harness, daughter of Col. William H. Harness, who was first an infantry commander and later took command of Company B, Eleventh Virginia Cavalry, Laurel's Brigade, Stonewall Jackson's command. He fought through the four years of the Civil war and established an enviable record for gallantry and soldierly qualities. Colonel Harness, who was a member of an old southern family, never lived in Ross County, but passed his entire life in the Old Dominion State. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Harness, namely: Daniel R., who spent two years at the Ohio Military School, and is now at home with his parents; Marguerite Vause, a graduate of Glendale College and now attending the Grant Training School for Nurses; Lillian Lee, a graduate of the Chillicothe public schools; and Grace H., at home.

Mr. Harness is a democrat in his political views, but is not a seeker for public preferment. He is active as a good citizen in movements which make for beneficial results, and has demonstrated his possession of businesslike and honorable methods, and a progressiveness which must tend to the continued well-being of the community.

JAMES M. VAUSE. A Ross County farm that represents many of the ideals in the way of cultivation, productiveness, arrangement and equipment is that of James M. Vause in Liberty Township, on mail route No. 2 out of Chillicothe. At that location Mr. Vause has 416 acres, and there he illustrates his diversified enterprise as a farmer and stock raiser. He has always followed the plan of feeding his crops on his own land, and keeps good stock and has a fine set of building improvements. He may properly take pride in his farm, and it is really one of the high-class estates of the entire county.

Mr. Vause was born October 8, 1860, on the farm where his brother, Joseph Vause, now lives. His parents were Joseph I. and Jane D. (Foster) Vause. Joseph I. Vause, who was born in Moorefield, Virginia, came in infancy with his parents to Ross County, and the family then occupied a farm in Liberty Township now occupied by Mrs. Grubb. Grandfather James Vause acquired a large tract of land there, and in that locality Joseph I. Vause grew to manhood. He lived there until his marriage, and then sold his interest in the old homestead to Daniel Lunbeck and bought the farm where James M. Vause was born. That farm was originally owned by John I. Van Meter and is now the property of Joseph I. Vause, Jr. The father lived there until his death in

1893. He and his wife had seven children who grew to maturity: Mary, wife of J. C. Foster of Higby, Ohio; Annie, widow of George C. Foster, of Ross County; William, who died at the age of sixteen years; Sallie, who is unmarried and lives at Roxabell; James M.; Nellie, wife of John I. Van Meter, of Chillicothe; and Joseph I., of Liberty Township.

James M. Vause spent his early boyhood on his father's farm. He received an education in the district schools and also attended the private academy conducted at Chillicothe by Professor Poe. He was thus well equipped when he started out in life on his own account, and for the past thirty-five years or more has been one of the progressive farmers of Ross County.

On April 4, 1889, Mr. Vause married Miss Grace Harness, daughter of Daniel R. Harness, and representing a well-known Ross County family elsewhere referred to in this publication. After his marriage, Mr. Vause lived on the Chillicothe-Richmond Dale Pike until 1893, and since then has occupied his fine home on the Lancaster Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Vause became the parents of seven children, and the five now living are: Ruth E., who finished the course in the high school and in the Glendale Academy, and is the wife of Thomas E. Porter, of Roxabell; Clifford is a graduate of the Ohio Military Academy at College Hill, Cincinnati, and is still at home; Irene and Alice are both students in the Glendale Academy; James W. is attending the public schools.

Fraternally, Mr. Vause is a member of the Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Politically, he is a democrat. He has taken an active interest in local affairs, served four years as township trustee, and has also been a member of the township school-board.

GEORGE W. MILLER. The business of farming has been the occupation by which George W. Miller has accomplished a substantial success, and he is one of the native sons of Ross County and one of the most prominent citizens of Deerfield Township.

His birth occurred September 30, 1869, on a farm at High Banks, in Ross County. His grandfather, Frederick Miller, was born near Frankfort-on-the-Main, in Germany, grew up as a farmer and spent his life in that pursuit. His death occurred in Germany in 1854. His widow, whose maiden name was Magdalene Brust, was born in the same locality as her husband, and her parents emigrated to America in 1834, locating in Pike County, Ohio, where they bought a tract of timbered land six miles west of Waverly, and made a farm out of the wilderness before they died. Magdalene Miller, after the death of her husband, set out with her seven children to America, making the voyage on a sailing vessel that was forty-three days on the ocean. From New York she proceeded west to Pittsburg, where she arrived on the 4th of July. From that point on their westward emigration they embarked on a boat and went down the Ohio to Portsmouth, and thence by wagon and team to Pike County, where she joined her aged parents and took care of

them during their declining years. After she arrived in Ohio she was married in Pike County to a Mr. Richert, a farmer living near Beavertown. Mrs. Magdalene Miller lived to a good old age.

Henry Miller, who was born nine miles from Frankfort-on-the-Main, in Germany, October 8, 1848, was very young when he came with his mother to America, and his education, begun in his native land, was continued in American schools. He grew up to habits of industry and thrift and as early as thirteen began working by the month. At first his wages were only \$9 a month and they rose as his usefulness increased. From the savings of his earnings made by hard toil he in the course of time was able to secure equipment and rent farming land. Gradually his means increased and he bought land of his own, and in 1883 acquired seventy-five acres in Scioto Township of Ross County. That farm has since been increased under his management to 243 acres. He also owns 276 acres in Deerfield and Concord townships. Henry Miller was during his active years known as one of the most progressive and successful farmers of Ross County. In 1907 he retired and has since lived in his home on West Main Street in Chillicothe. In 1868 Henry Miller married Elizabeth Hamman. She was born in Pike County, Ohio, a daughter of Philip and Martha (Bumgarner) Hamman and a granddaughter of Peter and Laura Hamman, both natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller reared eight children: George W., Magdalene, Henry C., Benjamin F., Mary E., John F., Carl and Alpha.

The son of a prosperous farmer, George W. Miller was none the less given a very thorough and practical training as a boy, and industry has been second nature to him. His early education was acquired in the public schools. When very young he began assisting his father on the farm, and until the age of twenty-two lived at home. Starting out to make his own way in the world, he rented land, and for a couple of years kept bachelor's hall. He then rented the Dick Fullerton farm until 1898, and in that year he located on the farm where he has since resided. This is one of the choicest tracts of land in Deerfield Township, and was bought by his father in 1898. George W. Miller is making a success of general farming and stock raising there, and the many people who know him speak most favorably of his intelligence and energetic qualities of character.

In 1893 he married Laura Ulen, who was born at Bainbridge, in Ross County. Mrs. Miller's father was Hamilton Ulen, who was also born in Bainbridge. Her grandfather, Amos Ulen, was of German ancestry and an early settler of Bainbridge. A miller by trade, Amos Ulen at one time operated the flour mill owned by Judge Benner, and afterwards operated mills in different places. His last days were passed in Frankfort. Amos Ulen married Rebecca Middleton, of English ancestry, and both of them lived to a good old age. Mrs. Miller's father learned the trade of miller under his father, and was also employed in that business at different places. The last mill he operated was Barrett's Mill, in Highland County. His last years were spent in retirement in Bainbridge. Hamilton Ulen married Emma Crooks, who was born in

Bainbridge, a daughter of Andrew and Ann (Wetherbe) Crooks. Ann Wetherbe's father was one of the very first settlers in Southern Ohio, and at one time was part owner of the pike leading from Lancaster. Andrew Crooks was a hardware merchant in Bainbridge, where he spent his last days, and he and his wife both rest in the Bainbridge cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of twin daughters, Marjorie and Marie. The daughter Marjorie is now the wife of Noel Wright, and they have a son named Miller Eugene.

In political matters, George W. Miller is entirely independent in local affairs, though nationally he is a democrat. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Clarksburg Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Frankfort Lodge of the Masons, and also the Knights of Pythias Lodge at Frankfort.

JAMES WATTS, whose life work has been farming, and who is successfully engaged in that industry in Union Township, represents a number of old and prominent families in this section of Ohio.

He was born at the Village of Yellowbud, in Ross County, April 29, 1875. His great-grandmother, after the death of her first husband, married a man named Thompson and spent her last years in Chillicothe, where she died when well upwards of ninety years. Mr. Watts' paternal grandfather, Henson Watts, who was quite young when his father died, located on land in the north precinct of Union Township, which was his wife's inheritance. After a few years he sold out and bought a farm in Indiana. After two years he was defrauded out of this property, and then returned to Ross County, renting land in Union Township, where he lived until his death on June 21, 1858. Henson Watts married Mary Ann Thompson, who was born on the Williamsport Road, in the north precinct of Union Township. Her father, Ezekiel Thompson, was also born in Ross County. His father, Philip Thompson, a great-grandfather of James Watts, was one of the earliest settlers of Union Township, securing a large tract of timbered land in the north precinct and building a cabin in the wilderness. Subsequently he gave his years to the clearing of the land and its cultivation, and lived there until his death. Both he and his wife, Lovina, lived to be very old. Ezekiel Thompson, great-grandfather of James Watts, was blind from early youth. He inherited land, and in spite of this handicap, was a successful farmer, erecting some good frame buildings on his land and living there until his death in old age. He was a skilled player of the violin and was widely known as the blind fiddler. His death occurred when upwards of eighty years of age. Mrs. Henson Watts died December 20, 1893, at the age of seventy-seven. Her children were Cyrus, Eliza, Maria, Hannah, Ezekiel, Silas and Milton.

Silas Watts, father of James Watts, was born in the south precinct of Union Township December 27, 1852. He grew up on a farm and has always followed farming as his regular vocation. Since 1907 he has lived on the Joseph Atwell farm in the south precinct of Union Township. He married Emma Henry, who was born in Mooresville, Harrison Township, Ross County. Her father, Robert Henry, was born in Ireland

of Scotch ancestry, and when quite young was brought to America by his parents, who located in the south part of Ross County and spent their last days there. Robert Henry learned the trade of carpenter, and followed it while a resident of Mooresville and Yellowbud. Robert Henry married Julia Merriman. Her father, Samuel Merriman, another great-grandfather of James Watts, was born at Lansing, Pennsylvania, in 1789, and in 1819 came to Ross County as a pioneer, settling in Cole-rain Township. An old history of Ross County says of him that for twenty years he was engaged in boating on the Ohio River, and it also states that he was a fighting man and a good singer. He finally located on Walnut Creek and died there when one hundred and one years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Watts reared four children, named James, Floyd, Allen and Albert. Of these, James Watts grew up as a farmer, gained an education in the local schools, and has made agriculture his chief pursuit. Since 1900 he has operated the David Dunlop farm in the south precinct of Union Township. General farming and stock raising are the chief sources of his profits.

In 1898 Mr. Watts married Josephine H. Shaw. She was born in Wayne Township of Pickaway County. Her father, John Shaw, was born in Hocking County, Ohio, December 11, 1842. Her grandfather, James Shaw, was a native of Virginia and the son of a Revolutionary soldier. The mother of James Shaw lived to be one hundred and six years of age, and so far as known she spent all her life in Virginia. James Shaw was one of the pioneer settlers of Hocking County, Ohio, and, securing a tract of timbered land, he improved a farm near the present site of Bloomingvale, and lived there until his death. The maiden name of his wife was Nancy Chilcote, who was of Scotch-Irish ancestry and the daughter of a Revolutionary patriot. Mrs. Watts' father was reared on a farm, and on August 16, 1862, enlisted in Company G of the Ninetieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Going to the front, he was with his regiment in all its service until captured at the battle of Chickamauga on September 20, 1863. After that he remained a prisoner of war in Southern prisons for seventeen months, until hostilities were almost over. He received his honorable discharge, and resumed farming in Ohio. After marrying he moved to Wayne Township, in Pickaway County, where he was engaged in farming until his death at the age of sixty-eight. The maiden name of the mother of Mrs. Watts was Almira Jordan, who was born in Hocking County, a daughter of James and Sarah Jordan, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Hocking County. The mother of Mrs. Watts died in 1874, leaving three children, Angeline, Ella and Josephine. Mrs. Watts' father married for his second wife Josephine Wolfe, and the four children of that union are Myrtle, Maude, Beatrice and Sadie.

Mr. and Mrs. Watts are the parents of one daughter, named Berle. The family are active members of the Andersonville Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically, Mr. Watts is a republican, and his first presidential vote was cast for William McKinley. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Camp No. 10323 of the Modern Woodmen of America at Yellowbud.

CHARLES M. DUNLAP. A number of the high-class farms in Ross County have been continuously in the ownership of one family for a century or more. One of these families of old settlers and prosperous farmers is represented by Charles M. Dunlap, of Union Township.

He was born on the farm that he now owns and occupies. His birth occurred on March 19, 1853. His ancestry in America begins with his great-grandfather, who was born in Ireland of Scotch-Irish ancestry. On coming to America he bought land in Virginia and operated his farm with slave labor.

His son, John Dunlap, Sr., was born in Virginia in 1776. In 1796, at the age of twenty, he visited the Northwest Territory and entered a large tract of military land in what is now Union Township. Included within the tract is the land now used for the county infirmary. After securing title to the land, John Dunlap, Sr., returned to Virginia, but made several subsequent trips on horseback and under his supervision a portion of the land was cleared. He also erected a log house, and in 1825 settled there permanently with his family. John Dunlap, Sr., married Dorcas Dowel, who was born in Virginia and died in Ross County at the age of eighty-nine years. The "Finley and Putnam History" says that she was a granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin.

John Dunlap, Jr., father of Charles M., was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, in 1811, and was fourteen years of age when his parents came to Ross County to make their permanent home here. His early education was received in the old field schools of Virginia, and after coming to Ohio he found every possible opportunity for developing his physique and his good judgment by the heavy tasks confronting the pioneers. He inherited a part of his father's estate and became a very successful farmer, stock raiser and stock dealer. He lived on the old farm until his death in 1879.

John Dunlap, Jr., married Mary A. Minear. Her name is one of those familiar in the pioneer annals of Ross County. She was born in South Union Township May 26, 1818, a daughter of Philip Minear, Jr. Her grandfather, Philip Minear, Sr., came from Germany to America when young and lived in Virginia until 1796. In that year, only a short time after the Northwest had finally been conquered from the Indians and the occupation of Ohio lands had been secured to white settlers, he came to that locality and was one of the original settlers of South Union Township. At that time the only buildings in Chillicothe were a log cabin and a large stable, and Indians were fully as numerous as the whites. Buying a tract of land, Philip Minear improved a farm and spent the rest of his days there. He passed away at the age of eighty-two. His sons, Solomon and Adam, were Methodist Episcopal preachers, while Stephen and Philip became farmers. Philip, Jr., was born near Parkersburg, Virginia, and after reaching his maturity settled on land in North Union Township. This tract was heavily timbered, and it was his task to clear it up and develop it as a farm. He was very successful, and at his death left a fine estate. He married Elizabeth McCallister, who was born in Maryland, a daughter of Robert and Polly (Stinson)

McCallister. Mrs. Minear outlived her husband nine years, and her children were Samuel, Mary A., Maria, Abner, Ann Eliza, Charles, Hester Ann, Elizabeth and Marian, all of whom grew to years of maturity and married. Mrs. John Dunlap, the eighth of these children, is still living in Chillicothe and is now ninety-eight years of age. Her five living children are Samuel Wesley, Nelson John, P. M. Marion, James M. and Charles M. The mother was reared in the Methodist faith and many years ago united with the Andersonville Methodist Episcopal Church.

As a boy Charles M. Dunlap attended the district schools, and was well trained in habits of industry on the home farm. He succeeded to the ownership of the homestead, and there for many years has been successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. There he has 185 acres of valuable and well-improved land, and he also has 320 acres of land in North Dakota, improved with house and barns and good buildings. His earlier life has been spent on his home farm.

On October 16, 1879, he married Mary Murgluff, who was born in Chillicothe, a daughter of Ferdinand and Elizabeth (Armbruster) Murgluff, natives of Germany, who came to America and located in Chillicothe. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap have five children: Clara, who is a trained nurse now in Cleveland; Walter, who married Miss Ebenback and has two children; Charles; Blanche, a dramatic reader, now located in New York City; and Thelma, who died at the age of sixteen years. Mr. Dunlap is an active members of Scioto Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons, at Chillicothe, and is also affiliated with Chillicothe Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; Chillicothe Council, No. 4, Royal and Select Masters, and Chillicothe Commandery, No. 8, of the Knights Templar.

J. FINLEY JONES. The claim of J. Finley Jones upon the good will and consideration of the people of the region of Gillespieville is based upon many years of effective work as an agriculturist, upon his record as a public-spirited citizen, and upon his activity in promoting education and kindred accompaniments of advanced civilization. He has nearly reached man's allotted three-score-and-ten years, but is still active, both bodily and mentally, and in addition to supervising operations on his farm in Liberty Township, takes a keen interest in the affairs of his community.

Mr. Jones was born on the farm upon which he now resides, October 11, 1847, and is a son of Thomas and Susanna (Pierce) Jones, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Virginia. They came to Ross County as children, with their parents, and were here reared, educated and married. After their marriage they settled down to house-keeping on a farm in this neighborhood, and here the rest of their lives were spent. Mr. Jones was a hard-working and industrious farmer and had established himself well, with every chance of winning a full measure of success, but did not live to see his efforts fully appreciated, as his death occurred in 1848, before J. Finley Jones was one year old. There were nine sons and two daughters in the family, and of these four are

living at this writing, namely: Wilson; Thomas, whose home is in Kansas; James W., of Liberty Township, a farmer; and J. Finley, of this notice.

J. Finley Jones received his education in the early district schools of Ross County and was reared on the farm in Finley Township. When he reached manhood he began farming operations on his own account, and the old homestead, upon which his father located on first coming into this county, is still his home. He has made many improvements in regard to ditching, tiling, fencing, etc., has installed up-to-date equipment and machinery, and has a fine, substantial set of buildings, with all modern accommodations and comforts. Mr. Jones has carried on general farming, and as new methods have been proven good, has adopted them, although his practicality has not allowed him to dispense with time-honored and tried customs until he has found that they could be bettered. His farm now consists of 262 acres, and is one of the valuable ones of Liberty Township.

Mr. Jones was married to Miss Edith E. Pummell, who died in 1899. They were the parents of four sons, of whom but one, Scott F., is now living. Mr. Jones is a republican but not a politician. Scott F. Jones was born July 18, 1893, on the home farm, and is one of the enterprising and energetic young farmers of the township. He attended first the district schools, following which he pursued a course in the Chillicothe High School, from which he was duly graduated. After that he taught school for three months in the country district of Harrison Township and one year in Liberty Township, and then returned to the home farm to become his father's assistant. He is a member of the Concord Methodist Episcopal Church, in the work of which he has been active, as he has also in the Sunday school. Like his father, he is a republican in matters of public policy.

EDWARD E. TOWNSEND is one of the most capable all-around mechanics, farmers and business men in Ross County. He became well known in business affairs at Chillicothe, but has recently given all his energies to farming, and now has a fine place in Union Township.

He was born in Athens County, Ohio, December 11, 1871. His father, John Miller Townsend, was a native of Pennsylvania. The grandfather, Uriah H. Townsend, was a native of New York State, whence he removed to Pennsylvania, and from there came to Athens County, Ohio, as an early settler. Securing land, he improved a farm and occupied it until late in life, when he removed to Missouri and spent his last years with a son in that state.

John Miller Townsend was a child when brought to Ohio, and as his early life was spent on a farm, he adapted farming as his regular vocation. He finally bought land in Athens County, and that was his home until 1888, when he came to Ross County and bought a place in Springfield Township. There he was successfully identified with general farming until his death, in January, 1914. He is well remembered by the people of his section of Ross County. He married Sarah McCune,

who was born in Athens County, a daughter of Samuel and Mary McCune. Samuel McCune in the early days acquired a tract of land a mile south of the present site of Amesville, in Athens County, and on the farm which he developed there he and his wife spent their last days. There were twelve children in the McCune family. Mrs. Sarah Townsend is still living on the old homestead in Springfield Township. Her six children are Eliza, Lenora, George, Reed S., Edward E. and Miles. All these children have given good accounts of themselves. Miles is an attorney at Greenfield. Eliza married H. F. Patterson, and Lenora is the wife of Elba Wymer. The sons George and Reed S. are both residents of Chillicothe.

Edward E. Townsend spent his early life partly in Athens County and partly in Ross County. He is liberally educated, having attended after the district school course, Hillsboro College, where he spent four years and was graduated with the class of 1896. On leaving college, his ambition was for a business career. At Columbus he spent two years as shipping clerk with the firm of Jones, Wetter & Company.

A natural gift that has had much to do with his prosperity was a fondness and inclination for mechanics. On leaving the business firm at Columbus, he returned to Chillicothe and began working at the machinist's trade and also became an expert tinsmith. He was in that line of business for eight years and most of the time was connected with the automobile industry.

In 1915 Mr. Townsend bought a farm $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Chillicothe, on the Frankfort Pike, and now finds both pleasure and profit in running his place. In 1903 he married Christina A. Frick, who was born in Scioto Township, daughter of Gottfried Frick, reference to whom is made on other pages of this publication. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend have one daughter, Mary Catherine. Mrs. Townsend is a member of the First Evangelical Church of Chillicothe. Fraternally, Mr. Townsend is affiliated with Tent No. 9 of the Improved Order of Red Men.

FRANK NORRIS has long been identified profitably with the agricultural interests of Union Township. He has made a home, has made a name for fair dealings and industry, and is one of the substantial men of the county.

His birth occurred in Deer Creek Township of Pickaway County, Ohio, July 29, 1854, and he is of old American ancestry. His great-grandfather, Lawrence Norris, was a native of England, followed the sea for a number of years and on quitting it located in Virginia, where he spent the remainder of his days.

William Norris, grandfather of Frank Norris, was born near Winchester, Virginia, in 1794, grew up in his native state, but afterwards moved to Ohio and became one of the early settlers of Pickaway County. Pickaway County was then in the wilderness and just on the fringe of civilization. Deer, turkey and other wild game roamed at will, and a number of years passed before the construction of the first railroads or canals, the few straggling settlements being connected by stage routes.

William Norris' place of settlement was in Deerfield Township, and there he was concerned the rest of his days with the development of a farm. The maiden name of his wife was Annie Maddox. Her father, David Maddox, was born in England or in America of English parentage, became a Methodist minister, and as a co-worker with Lorenzo Dow, preached in many places of Pickaway and surrounding counties, being a typical circuit rider and making his rounds on horseback. He and his wife lived to a good old age and are both buried in Brown's Chapel Cemetery.

John S. Norris, father of Frank, was born in Deer Creek Township, Pickaway County, September 25, 1827, and grew up on a farm and made farming his regular vocation. On August 15, 1862, he enlisted in Company A of the Forty-fifth Ohio Infantry. The command was sent south in time to participate in the battle of Stone River, and he also fought at Chickamauga, and then in the many battles during the 100 days or more required for the advance from Chattanooga to Atlanta and the siege and capture of that city. After the fall of Atlanta, he was with Thomas' command in pursuit of Hood's army, and thus fought in the great battles of Franklin and Nashville. He received his honorable discharge on the 12th day of June, 1865. After his military career he resumed farming in Pickaway County and subsequently moved to the south precinct of Union Township, Ross County, where he bought a farm that he occupied until his death on November 14, 1910. John S. Norris married Nancy Hatfield, who was born in Monroe Township of Pickaway County February 11, 1832, a daughter of John D. and Maria (Baker) Hatfield, natives, respectively, of Virginia and Delaware. Mrs. John S. Norris died in 1902, having reared eleven children.

The old farm in Pickaway County was the scene of Frank Norris' early experiences and activities. He attended the local schools and on reaching manhood adopted farming as his regular life work. For many years he has lived on a farm in Union Township, his land being a part of the Flesher homestead.

In 1898 Mr. Norris married Effie Flesher, who was born in Union Township July 29, 1876. Her father, Michael Flesher, was born in Pennsylvania December 23, 1819, a son of Peter Flesher, also a native of Pennsylvania and one of the very early pioneers of Union Township in Ross County. Peter Flesher improved a farm in this county and remained a resident there until his death. Michael Flesher grew up on an early Ross County farm and in time became a quite extensive land farmer, but as a result of his going security for others, he lost a large part of his fortune. His death occurred in Union Township December 23, 1899. Michael Flesher married Susan Fraler, who was born in Darke County, Ohio, and died December 19, 1907, the mother of eleven children.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norris comprises six children, named Blanche May, Glenn, Cecil, Reva, May and Dora.

D. GARFIELD DE VOSS. Prominent among the younger generation of business men in Ross County is found D. Garfield De Voss, who is

conducting a successful general merchandise store in the thriving community of Fruitdale. This establishment represents Mr. De Voss' progressive spirit and enterprise, and the trade connected with it has steadily grown since its founding. In addition to handling the affairs of his business, Mr. De Voss is acting in the capacity of postmaster of Fruitdale, and both as business man and official is discharging his duties in an eminently able and satisfactory manner.

Mr. De Voss was born August 18, 1880, in Fayette County, Ohio, and is a son of Samuel and Nancy (Terrell) De Voss. His father was born in Adams County, Ohio, close to Buena Vista, in 1841, and received his education there, in his youth learning the trade of wagonmaker. In following his vocation, Mr. De Voss went to Fayette County, where he met and married Nancy Terrell, who had been born there, and they settled down in that community and resided there for some years. Mr. De Voss conducted a wagonmaking shop at New Martinsburg for some time and later moved on to Leesburg, where he had his home and business for seven years. His next move was to Fruitdale, where he now resides, and where for a number of years he carried on a thriving business. At the present time, however, he is retired from active affairs, having accumulated a competency. Mr. De Voss was a soldier of the Union during the war between the North and South, having enlisted in 1861 in Company C, Eighty-first Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and serving until the close of the struggle. He fought in some of the most hotly contested battles of the war, the Eighty-first being famed as a hard-fighting regiment which lost a large percentage of its members. When he received his honorable discharge he took with it a fine record for bravery in action and faithful performance of duty at all times. Mr. De Voss is a staunch republican and has been a loyal supporter of his party in every campaign since he reached manhood, but never has been a seeker for personal preferment. He has contributed to the community welfare in other ways than by public service. Mr. De Voss takes an active part in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which he has been a member for many years. With his wife, he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church at Greenfield. They have been the parents of four children, of whom three are living: Flora, who is the wife of W. H. De Voss, of Greenfield, Ohio; Bertha, the wife of J. M. Gadbury, of Greenfield; D. Garfield, of this review; and Thomas, who died in 1915.

D. Garfield De Voss received his education in the public schools of Greenfield, and his earliest employment was in a store at that place, where he received his introduction to business methods. When he was twenty-four years old he embarked in commercial pursuits on his own account as the proprietor of a grocery at Greenfield and continued in business at that place until 1913, when he came to Fruitdale, where he has constantly added to his stock and increased his patronage. By his diligent attention to the requirements of the public, his careful and intelligent buying, his courteous treatment of customers and his prompt and honest dealings, he has established an excellent trade. He is young,

businesslike, enterprising and promising, eager not only legitimately to advance his own interests, but anxious to promote public movements which are meritorious and feasible. A republican in his political views, he is serving as postmaster of Fruitdale under a democratic administration and is giving the people of this community an excellent mail service.

On February 7, 1905, Mr. De Voss was married to Miss Annetta Carey, daughter of Alonzo and Josephine (Anderson) Carey, and granddaughter of William Carey, who came of Quaker stock and was an early settler of Highland County, Ohio, from Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. De Voss are the parents of three sons: Charles, Dwight and Delbert.

WERTER M. SEYMOUR. Among the representative men of Ross County, Ohio, is Werter M. Seymour, whose magnificent estate of 540 acres, known as Maple Lawn Farm, is situated in Paint Township, four miles west of Bainbridge. Sturdy ancestors are back of Mr. Seymour and he bears a family name well known and honored almost a century ago in old Virginia, now a part of West Virginia. There, in Hardy County, on February 4, 1821, his father, Aaron W. Seymour, was born, and twenty-seven years later came to Ross County, Ohio.

Werter M. Seymour was born in Paxton Township, Ross County, October 25, 1854. His parents were Aaron W. and Catherine E. (McNeill) Seymour, the father a native of Hardy County, Virginia, and the mother born in Ross County, Ohio. They were married at Frankfort, Ohio, June 30, 1847, and in the following year they came to Ross County and settled in Paxton Township, two miles east of Bainbridge. They lived on that place for forty-eight years, it being the property now owned and occupied by L. C. Anderson. He accumulated 1,400 acres of land and resided on it until late in life, when he removed to the home of his son and there he died March 22, 1900. In every relation of life he was a man of worth, an elder in the Presbyterian Church, a leader in moral and benevolent movements, a good neighbor and a worthy example in kindness and generosity to everyone. He was a strong supporter of the principles of the democratic party and quite often was chosen by his neighbors to serve in responsible positions. Of his three children, Werter M. is the only survivor.

Werter M. Seymour was reared on a farm, mainly in Paxton Township. He was given better educational opportunities than many country boys of that day enjoyed, for after attending the district schools he was sent to a higher grade school in Kentucky. To some extent this has had an effect in the management of his large estate, leading him intelligently to accept modern methods in agriculture and to stock his farm with approved live stock of every kind. The products of Maple Lawn Farm are known all over the county and command the highest prices.

On October 31, 1883, Mr. Seymour was united in marriage with Miss Agnes E. McMeachen, who was born in Ross County in September, 1856, and died November 7, 1909, a daughter of Seymour and Catherine (McAllister) McMeachen. Mrs. Seymour was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. She was the mother of three children, two of

whom survive: Allen H., who was born July 1, 1888, is a graduate of the local high school and the Ohio State University at Columbus, and lives at home; and Catherine H., who was born September 3, 1891, who is a graduate of the Bainbridge High School as well as of the local body. Mr. Seymour stands high in the estimation of his community and is an elder in the Presbyterian Church. On numerous occasions he has been elected on the democratic ticket to township offices, in filling the duties of which he has been honest and faithful.

JOHN A. MOOMAW. That men of broad and general experience are particularly fitted for the vocation of farming is denied by no one familiar with the intellectual and general demands placed upon present day exponents of scientific agriculture. The knowledge gained by the educator, for instance, especially if he has been a worker in the country districts, is an important item in the equipment of those who conduct the basic industry of the world, and it is this advantage which has contributed largely to the success of John A. Moomaw, of Paint Township. Mr. Moomaw was formerly an educator, but since 1900 has been engaged in farming and is now the proprietor of Maple Lawn Farm, situated one mile north of Fruitdale, in the Buckskin Valley, a tract of 114 acres, and of a farm of seventy-three acres located on Price's Ridge.

Mr. Moomaw was born in Paint Township, Ross County, Ohio, May 21, 1854, and is a son of Jacob B. and Vashti Carolina (Morton) Moomaw. His paternal grandparents were Henry and Anna (Gray) Moomaw, the former of near Roanoke, Virginia, and the latter of Ohio, of Pennsylvania parents. Vashti Carolina Morton was born in Ross County, Ohio, near South Salem, her father being a South Carolinian and her mother an Ohioan. The Morton family history extends back to Scotland, from whence, because of religious persecution, an early member of the family fled to Ireland. About 1768, because of continued religious trouble, several of the name crossed the ocean to refuge in America, and took up their residence in Pennsylvania, but in order to find a more desirable climate, went later to South Carolina. They were active during the Revolutionary war, and after the close of that struggle, because of the prevalence of slavery in the South, of which they did not approve, made their way overland by wagon, with oxen and cows. John and Margaret (Alexander) Morton, the grandparents of Mrs. Vashti C. Moomaw, made this journey in 1806, settling first in Highland County, and later removing to near South Salem, Ross County, in 1807. The father of Margaret (Alexander) Morton was captured by the British while fighting as a soldier of the Continental line in the war of the Revolution. To Jacob B. and Vashti C. Moomaw there were born four children: John A., of this record; Anna, who is the wife of Albert C. Ellenberger and lives at South Salem; Frank Morton, a farmer in Paint Township; and William, who died at the age of fourteen years.

John A. Moomaw was reared on the home farm and received his education in the public school and South Salem (Ohio) Academy, from which he was duly graduated in 1875. At that time he began teaching

and continued as an educator until the year 1900, when he turned his attention to farming, as already noted. In addition to being a practical and successful farmer, Mr. Moomaw is a broad-minded and progressive man, well posted on current events and entertaining sensible opinions on questions of public interest. He is president of the Buckskin Valley Farmers Institute, and a member of the executive committee of the Buckskin-Lyndon Picnic Association, and in other ways has shown himself alert and alive in affairs of his community. He is a republican in his political views and in the primary of August 8, 1916, was a candidate for the nomination to the office of county commissioner of Ross County on the republican ticket, believing that Paint Township should have a candidate on that ticket, something it has not had in twenty years. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Royal Arcanum, in both of which he has numerous friends. He has likewise been active in religious work, being a member and elder of the Presbyterian Church and a commissioner to represent the Chillicothe Presbytery at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1912.

On November 23, 1881, Mr. Moomaw was married to Miss Sarah Reihle, who was born in Pike County, Ohio, November 28, 1851, and they have had six children: F. Ray, a graduate of South Salem Academy, who spent two years at Miami University, Oxford, was a teacher in the schools of Porto Rico for six years, and present county surveyor of Carroll County, Tennessee, married Anna Hamm, of Chillicothe, Ohio; Forest E., a graduate of Salem Academy, teacher in the high school at Bainbridge, and a farmer in Paint Township, married Mary Grove, and they have two daughters, Eleanor Elizabeth and Margaret Victoria; Willis R., a graduate of the same institution and a teacher in this and other counties, married Mildred Hoffman, and they reside in Paint Township and have one son, John Hoffman; Lina, born April 12, 1889, who died July 23, 1903, when fourteen years of age; Mary E., a graduate of Greenfield High School and now the wife of Seigel Mossburger, of Buckskin Township; and Venna R., a graduate of Buckskin High School, now residing with her parents.

WESLEY VINCENT. One of the solid and substantial old families of Ross County is represented by Wesley Vincent, who at one time was a merchant in Chillicothe, but has for many years been a practical farmer, conducting the old Vincent homestead near Chillicothe, and has also made a success of the business of buying and selling livestock.

He was born March 17, 1855, in Ross County, a son of William and Mary Vincent. William Vincent was also a native of Ross County, was a substantial farmer for many years, and established his home $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Chillicothe, where he lived and reared his seven children, three of whom are still living. Later he moved to Chillicothe and engaged in the grocery business, which he continued until his death.

Next to the youngest in the family, Wesley Vincent grew up partly on the farm and partly in Chillicothe, gained a fair education in the local schools and early became associated with his father in conducting

the grocery business. After his father's death he remained in trade only a short time and then sold out in order to give his entire energies to the management of the old farm. He has made a model place of the old homestead near Chillicothe, but has been most successful in a business way through his extensive interests as a buyer of horses and cattle. He now has capable assistants in this business in the persons of his two sons.

In Ross County on April 29, 1884, he married Miss Anna Weigher. To their marriage have been born eight children, seven sons and one daughter, namely: William, George, Earl, Geraldine, Joseph, Marshall, Conrad and Chester.

CHARLES W. KNOLES. Engaged in the prosecution of a calling upon which the wealth and support of the nation so largely depends, Charles W. Knoles, of Chillicothe, holds a position of note among the successful agriculturists of Ross County. He was born December 11, 1870, in the southeastern part of the City of Chillicothe, on the farm which he now owns and occupies, having inherited it from his father, the late Daniel Knoles.

His paternal grandfather, William Knoles, was born in the State of Delaware, in 1795, and came from there with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eleazer Knoles, to Chillicothe in pioneer days. One of the earlier merchants of Chillicothe, William Knoles, purchased a tract of land on Paint Street, opposite the courthouse, where he built up a profitable trade as a grocer, and in addition to his mercantile interests invested largely in farm lands. His home for a number of years was on Paint Street, across from the city buildings. He was quite prominent in business affairs, and lived to a good old age, passing away in 1877. The site of the grocery store that he operated has been in the possession of the Knoles family for nearly a century, and is now owned by his grandson, Charles W. Knoles, of whom we write. The maiden name of the wife of William Knoles was Margaret Ott. She was born in Virginia, and came to Ohio with her parents, who were pioneer settlers of Ross County. But two children were born of their union, John, who died unmarried, and Daniel.

Daniel Knoles was born, June 25, 1833, in Chillicothe, and acquired his education in the public schools. When ready to begin life on his own account, he settled in the southeastern part of the city, on land that his father had previously purchased, and on the farm which he improved spent his remaining days, dying January 14, 1892. He married Sophia Shoeffe, who was born in Germany, February 4, 1845, a daughter of Jacob and Louisa, and died on the home farm, October 5, 1910.

The only child of his parents, Charles W. Knoles received an excellent education in the Chillicothe schools, in the meantime assisting in the various labors of the home farm, which he now owns and occupies. When the farm came into the possession of his grandfather it was partly improved, and on it was a substantial hewed log house, which has been weather-boarded on the outside, and ceiled on the inside, and now forms

a part of the house occupied by Mr. Knoles and his family. A man of sound judgment and good business ability, Mr. Knoles is devoting his time to the attention of his private affairs, and the care of his estate, which, with its excellent improvements, constitutes one of the most desirable pieces of property in the neighborhood.

Mr. Knoles married, March 18, 1896, Frederica Mauger, who was born in Huntington Township, Ross County, a daughter of William Mauger. Her paternal grandfather, Matthew Mauger, came from Germany, his native land, to America as a young man, and was a pioneer settler of Pike County, Ohio. At that early day all of this section of the country was a vast wilderness, and deer, turkey, and other kinds of wild game were plentiful, while the forests were habited by Indians, who were friendly, and with whom he became well acquainted. He bought a tract of timbered land near Waverly, and had many improvements well established when he was accidentally killed by the falling of a tree during a heavy storm, leaving his wife, whose maiden name was Agatha Gang, with ten children to care for. William Mauger, father of Mrs. Knoles, was but twelve years old when his father was killed, and he did his full share in helping to support the family, laboring early and late. He has always followed farming, and now lives about a mile west of Waverly, not far from his birthplace. He married Augusta Wagner, who was born in Germany, and came to America in a sailing vessel with her parents, Godfrey and Caroline Wagner, who located in the southern part of Ross County, where both spent their remaining years. William Mauger and his wife reared seven children, as follows: Frederica, now Mrs. Knoles; Lena; William; Anna; John; and Minnie.

Three children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Knoles, namely: Charles Edgar; William Daniel; and a daughter, Faith Augusta, who died in infancy. Mrs. Knoles was reared in the Lutheran Church, and has always been true to that faith.

T. E. BANKS. Chillicothe is the home of a number of railway men who, in addition to their connection with the organizations of their profession, also belong to the order of merit, in that they have risen by personal efficiency and loyalty to many of the larger responsibilities in the service. Among them is T. E. Banks, who is now trainmaster of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway, Southwestern Division.

A native of Claremont County, Ohio, he was born September 27, 1872, the youngest of six children, of whom only two are now surviving, born to Robert and Hannah (Berrill) Banks. His father was born in Norfolk, Virginia, and died in 1910, while the mother passed away in 1915. Robert Banks was also a railway man, and continued active in the service until his death. He lived in Chillicothe from 1889.

T. E. Banks had only a common school education. At the age of thirteen he was paying his own way as messenger boy. Afterwards he worked in a planing mill, and for one year was in the local office of the Adams Express Company. For four years he was connected

with the Arbanz Furniture Company as foreman of their mechanical room.

His career as a practical railway man began in 1894 when he found work in the same department of the Baltimore & Ohio as freight brakeman. He familiarized himself with all the duties of his position, and in 1903 was promoted to the next grade in the service, that of freight conductor. For ten years he was one of the trusted conductors of the road, and in 1913 was made assistant trainmaster and in 1914 was given the full duties of the position of trainmaster for the Southwestern Division of the Baltimore & Ohio.

Mr. Banks is a popular member of the Order of Railway Conductors and is also affiliated with Scioto Lodge No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons. In politics he is a republican. November 5, 1890, at Chillicothe he married Miss Mary Reihart, daughter of Henry and Lena Reihart. The Reiharts came from Germany and were early settlers in Jackson County, Ohio, but in 1888 moved to Ross County. Mr. and Mrs. Banks have one daughter, Mabel, born July 22, 1891.

GEORGE J. HERRNSTEIN. A man of rare business tact and ability, George HerrNSTEIN, now living retired from active pursuits at his home in Chillicothe, was for nearly two score years prominently identified with one of the foremost industries of Ross County. A native of Chillicothe, he was born November 30, 1846, coming on both sides of the house of honored German ancestry.

George HerrNSTEIN, his father, was born and educated in Germany, and there served an apprenticeship at the jeweler's trade. Immigrating to the United States in early manhood, he came to Ohio before the days of railroads, at a time when all transportation was by rail or stage coach, locating in Chillicothe. The principal hotel of the city was then situated at the corner of Mill and Hickory streets, in the very midst of the business center. He first worked as a jeweler, and then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed a few years. Later establishing a planing mill on Park Street, he managed it successfully **until 1872**. Going then to Lewis County, Kentucky, he purchased 1,000 acres of heavily timbered land, and having installed a portable sawmill engaged in the manufacture of lumber, the greater portion of his output being shipped by him to Chillicothe, and sold by his sons. He there continued in business until his death, January 16, 1891, at the age of seventy-two years. His body was then brought back to Chillicothe, and interred in Grand View Cemetery. He married Mary Kaiser, a native of Germany, and to them five children were born, as follows: Mary, George J., Jacob, Philip, and Henry. The mother died in 1897, aged seventy-six years.

Acquiring a practical education in the Chillicothe schools, George J. HerrNSTEIN began when quite young to assist his father, and soon became familiar with the details of the business. In 1872, in partnership with his brothers, he acquired possession of the mill and lumber yard, and as senior member of the firm of George J. HerrNSTEIN &

Brothers established a substantial business. Enlarging his operations from time to time, Mr. HerrNSTEIN became head of one of the most important and extensive industries of the city. His plant, which occupied two squares, included a commodious two-story brick building, amply fitted with all the modern machinery and appliances used in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds, moldings, stairs, and verandas, and a finely equipped brick kiln. In addition to this plant, the enterprising firm operated a branch lumber yard on Bridge Street, and another at Circleville, building up a large and highly remunerative business in the sale of undressed lumber. Having been actively and prosperously engaged in the lumber business for thirty-seven consecutive years, Mr. HerrNSTEIN retired from active pursuits, and is now devoting his attention to his private interests.

On September 26, 1872, Mr. HerrNSTEIN was united in marriage with Catherine Brehm, who was born in Chillicothe, in 1853. Her father, Philip Peter Brehm, was born, in 1821, in Germany, where he learned the bricklayer's trade, and also served for three years in the German army. When a young man he came to America in a sailing vessel, landing in New York, from there going to Buffalo by river and canal, thence by way of Lake Erie to Cleveland, and from that city by way of the canal to Chillicothe, where he followed his trade during the remainder of his active life, dying in this city in 18—. Mr. Brehm, who was a great lover of music, and a fine player on the bass horn and other wind instruments, was for many years a valued member of the Chillicothe Band. Mr. Brehm married Margaret Pettiheimer, who was born in Germany, and died in Chillicothe, and they reared five children, as follows: Margaret, now Mrs. HerrNSTEIN; Catherine; Charles; Adam; and Philip. Mr. and Mrs. HerrNSTEIN have three daughters, namely: Margaret, wife of Chauncey A. HerrNSTEIN; Anna Marie, wife of Newton Adams; and Elizabeth. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. HerrNSTEIN are conscientious members of the First Evangelical Church of Chillicothe, and have brought up their family in the same faith.

CHARLES HOYT, M. D. Conspicuous on the long roll of eminent names that have gained recognition in the professional, business and social circles of Chillicothe is that of the late Charles Hoyt, M. D., who was not only an honored and successful physician, but was one of the most loyal, popular, and best beloved citizens of Ross County. A man of high intellectual attainments, kind-hearted, unselfish and sympathetic, he was ever ready to lend a helping hand to the needy and unfortunate, and was a liberal subscriber to every good and worthy cause. The descendant of a New England family of prominence, he was born, January 20, 1854, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, a son of Nason Hoyt, Jr.

His grandfather, Nason Hoyt, Sr., was born in New England, of English ancestry, and there spent his entire life, during his active career having been engaged in mercantile pursuits.

Born and brought up in New Hampshire, Nason Hoyt, Jr., became a farmer from choice, for a time being engaged in tilling the rocky soil of his native state. After his marriage he lived first in Ontario, Canada, from there moving with his family to Chautauqua County, New York, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, at the age of sixty-eight years. He married Susan Webster, who was born in New Hampshire, which was likewise the birthplace of that noted statesman, Daniel Webster, who belonged to the same branch of the Webster family that she did. She survived her husband, passing away at the age of seventy-three years. Both were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The youngest member of the parental household, Charles Hoyt obtained his preliminary education in the public schools of Chautauqua County. Beginning the battle of life as a school teacher, he employed all of his leisure time while thus employed in studying medicine, for which he had a natural aptitude, and a genuine liking. Having thus acquired his rudimentary knowledge of medical science, he entered the Pulte Medical College, in Cincinnati, and was there graduated in 1878. The doctor then formed a partnership with his brother, Dr. William Hoyt, a practicing physician in Hillsboro, Highland County, remaining there until the spring of 1880. Doctor Hoyt then located at Chillicothe, and having met with most favorable results in the exercise of his profession remained here in active practice until his death, June 20, 1913.

Public-spirited, progressive and enterprising, Doctor Hoyt was ever among the foremost in promoting the welfare of Chillicothe, and in the establishment of projects tending toward the upbuilding of the city. He served as president of the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce; was one of the originators of the Sunset Club; and one of the organizers of the Ross County Tuberculosis Society. Fraternally the doctor was a member, and past master, of Scioto Lodge No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; a member, and past high priest, of Chillicothe Chapter No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; a member, and past thrice illustrious master, of Chillicothe Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters; a member, and past eminent commander, of Chillicothe Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar; a member of Columbus Consistory; and of Aladdin Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Doctor Hoyt was likewise a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy; of the International Hahnemannian Association; and of the Ohio State Medical Society.

Doctor Hoyt married, September 6, 1883, Helen E. Will, who was born at McArthur, Ohio, a daughter of George B. and Helen A. (French) Will. Two children blessed their union, namely: Loy E., of whom a brief sketch may be found on another page of this volume; and Donald C. Politically the doctor was a republican. Religiously he was a member, and one of the trustees, of the First Presbyterian Church.

LOY E. HOYT, M. D. A prominent physician of Chillicothe, Loy E. Hoyt, M. D., has inherited to an eminent degree the talent and ability of his father, who was for many years a prominent member of the medical fraternity of Ross County, and is making rapid strides in his professional career. He was born, July 7, 1884, in Chillicothe, and acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of this city, in 1903 completing the course of study in the high school.

Going then to Ann Arbor, Michigan, Loy E. Hoyt was graduated from the literary department of the University of Michigan, with the degree of bachelor of arts, in 1907. Taking up the study of medicine, he was graduated from the Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1909, and the following year was an interne at the Hahnemann Hospital in that city. Returning to Chillicothe, Doctor Hoyt began the practice of his profession in this city, having succeeded to a considerable extent to the practice of his father, Charles Hoyt, M. D., of whom a sketch is given elsewhere in this work.

Doctor Hoyt married, in 1914, Madeline Evans White, who was born at Winchendon Springs, Worcester County, Massachusetts, a daughter of Joseph N. and Anne White. A son, Charles Nelson, has been born to them.

Doctor Hoyt is a member of the Ross County Academy of Medicine; of the Ohio State Medical Society; and of the American Institute of Homeopathy. Active in educational matters, he is vice president of the Chillicothe School Board. Socially he belongs to the Sunset Club, of which his father was a charter member; he is likewise an active member of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society. Fraternally the doctor is a member of Scioto Lodge No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Chillicothe Chapter No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; of Chillicothe Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters; and of Chillicothe Lodge No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Doctor Hoyt is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

JAMES HARRY BLAIN. After nearly half a century of fruitful toil as one of Ross County's agriculturists, James H. Blain and his good wife are spending their declining years in a fine home in Scioto Township near Chillicothe. There like patriarchs of old, they live surrounded by children, grandchildren and have also six great-grandchildren.

A native of Ross County, James H. Blain was one of the gallant soldier boys who went from this county to the defense of the Union in the dark days of the Civil war. He was born in a log cabin in Scioto Township in 1844. His father, John Blain, was born in the same township. This is one of the very early families of Ross County. His grandfather, William Blain, was born in Virginia and came from there to the Northwest Territory in 1797, nearly one hundred twenty years ago. It was five years before Ohio was created a state and everything was wild and new and practically all the population of Ohio was confined to the southern counties. Only a small part of the present state

had ever been visited by white men, and the Indians still found their favorite hunting ground on the sites of many now prosperous and thriving cities. The early settlers found a large part of their subsistence in the game which roamed through the forests. Grandfather William Blain lived for a time in the bottom lands of Paint Creek until finding them a source of ill health to his family he moved to the present site of Massieville. There he bought a tract of government land, and was beginning its improvement when the War of 1812 broke out. He enlisted for service, went away with the troops, and was never afterward heard from. The circumstances of his death are thus unknown.

John Blain was only an infant when his father went to the army, and was the only son. He inherited the eighty acre farm at Massieville, and spent his life quietly and industriously on it. He died at the age of sixty-five and his wife passed away at the same age. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Truitt, and she was born in Ross County, a daughter of Samuel Truitt. They reared three children, Joseph, James H., and Millie.

The habits of industry implanted in James H. Blain as a boy on the old farm never left him, and has been the keynote of his successful career. In his early life he assisted in supporting the family and when quite a good sized boy worked for James Stinson for the low wages of twenty-five cents a day. He continued working by the day and month until November, 1861. At that time came his enlistment in Company I of the Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In 1863 he re-enlisted and veteranized in the same regiment, and was with that gallant fighting unit of the Northern army until the close of the war. Few men who went out from Ross County had a longer and more active service than James H. Blain. At first he was in the fighting in Virginia, participating in the second Battle of Bull Run, Cedar Mountain, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. He then went with his regiment to the great army of General Sherman in the operation through Eastern Tennessee and Northern Georgia. He fought at Lookout Mountain, known as the battle above the clouds. He was with Sherman's command in the stubborn campaign lasting for a hundred days or more against Atlanta, was at the siege and capture of that city, then followed Sherman on the glorious march to the sea, and from Savannah went north through the Carolinas. He was present at the surrender of Johnston's troops, went on to Richmond, and from there to Washington, where he participated in the grand review. Receiving his honorable discharge with his regiment he returned home with a record of service which will always be cherished by his descendants.

Once more back in Ohio he resumed his work on the farm at day and monthly wages, and gradually accumulated enough to buy equipment for independent work. He rented land at first, and for several years cultivated the Massie and Renick farms, which have long been noted as among the most fertile in Ross County. After many years of successful work as a farmer Mr. Blain retired and now lives in his present home just outside the city of Chillicothe.

In 1866 he married Nancy Burns. She was born in Orange County, North Carolina, daughter of Gideon and Mary Ann (Lashley) Burns, who were also natives of Orange County and of Scotch ancestry. The Burns family came to Ross County in 1850, making the entire journey from North Carolina across the mountains and over the rugged high-ways with wagons and teams. They established their home in Scioto Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Blain have reared six children, Charles, William, Mary, Harry, James, and Carrie. Charles married Blanche Edwards, and their eleven children are named Ira G., Ruth M., Edith M., Euphemia, Howard E., Carrie E., Floyd, Virgil, Helen, Neva, and Willis. The son William married Hannah Hammond and their two children are Edna and Ada. Mary is the wife of George Clymer and their one son is Harry W. Harry married Hazel Barclay and has a daughter named Margaret. James married Ella Nebergall and has two children, Clarence and Everett. Carrie is the wife of John Miller, and her two sons are Robert and John.

THOMAS JUNK, now deceased, was one of the sterling old time citizens of Ross County. Few men followed farming with the success that he did. He accumulated a large property, and was always one of the enlightened and progressive factors in his community. His descendants may well take pride in his achievements and in the honored name he left.

He was born in Deerfield Township of Ross County, November 28, 1816. This date in itself indicates that the family were among the pioneers. His father, John Junk, was born in Pennsylvania in 1794. The Grandfather Thomas Junk was born in the state of New Jersey about 1760 of Scotch-Irish parents. From New Jersey he moved to the wilderness of Pennsylvania, settling near the present site of Uniontown. From there in 1798 he came to the northwest territory, accompanied by his wife and children. That was in the closing years of the eighteenth century. There were no canals, railroads, and hardly a highway worthy of the name on the west side of the Allegheny Mountains. Consequently the journey was made with wagon and teams through unbroken forests and over unbridged streams. To traverse the distance from western Pennsylvania to Southern Ohio was as great an undertaking then as a trip around the world would be now. Arriving in the northwest territory the family located in what is now Union Township of Ross County. There Thomas Junk bought a tract of timbered land, and in that locality spent the rest of his industrious days.

John Junk, father of the late Thomas Junk, was only a child when he came to Ohio. He was still young when he enlisted and served through the War of 1812. Later he bought a tract of timbered land in Deerfield Township, and there cleared out a farm from the woods. He became a competent frontiersman, axman and hunter. It was possible to supply the meat of a household from the wild game that was then so plentiful in the forest, and he took part in all the hard

labors, sports and diversions of the early days. It was his home until his death in 1864. John Junk married Susan Pryor Shields. She was born in Union Township of Ross County, a daughter of Thomas and Susan (Pryor) Shields. Thomas Shields and wife were natives of Virginia, whence they came to Ross County in 1798 and settled on what has ever since been known as Shields Hill two and a half miles west of Chillicothe. Mrs. John Junk survived her husband twenty years and died in 1884. She reared five children.

The late Thomas Junk grew up in Ross County under conditions that were little removed from the most primitive aspects of the frontier. He was a grown man before a system of public schools was established, and such education as he acquired was in the old fashioned subscription schools conducted for only two or three months each year. Some of the first crops he raised were still transported by river boats from Chillicothe down the Scioto, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to Southern markets.

After reaching manhood Thomas Junk bought a tract of land near his father's home. A log house stood on the land, and into that humble abode he took his bride. In spite of the hardships with which he contended in early years, he became splendidly successful, and with increasing means he bought additional land until he was the owner of six hundred fertile acres of Deerfield Township. That land he leased to tenants, and finally moved to Austin in Concord Township, where he bought a farm with good building improvements and lived there until his death at the age of fifty-seven.

Thomas Junk married Phoebe Peterson, a daughter of Col. Martin and Elizabeth (Coyner) Peterson, who were among the pioneers of Concord Township. Mrs. Thomas Junk passed away April 12, 1897.

The children of this worthy couple were as follows: Milton, Martin, Maria, Thomas, Susan, Charles, Mary and Martha, twins, and Albert. the son, Milton, enlisted for service in the Union army when a boy, being a member of Company C of the 149th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he died while still in the army in his nineteenth year. Maria is the wife of John Cline of Frankfort. Thomas lives in Fayette County. The daughter Susan is now deceased. Martin, Charles and Albert are all farmers in Concord Township. The twin daughters, Martha and Mary, enjoy the comforts of a pleasant home in Frankfort, where they are both active in church and social affairs.

EDWARD J. WITTWER has long been prominently identified with the business history of Adelphi and with various other communities in this section of Southern Ohio. He has been a merchant, has dealt extensively in land, particularly in suburban development, and in 1908 he organized the Adelphi Banking Company, of which he has been president. He is a man of broad and varied interests, has traveled extensively, and is noted as a local archeologist and undoubtedly is one of the best authorities on the archeological remains found in Ross County.

His birth occurred in the house which he still occupies, January 11, 1868. His father was John Wittwer, who was born near the City of Speiz

in the Canton of Berne, Switzerland, in 1820. The grandparents spent their lives in Switzerland. John Wittwer was reared and well educated in Switzerland and served there an apprenticeship at the cabinet-maker's trade. In 1850 he came to America, making the voyage on a sailing vessel and spending forty days on the ocean. From New York he came west to Columbus, Ohio, and a little later arrived at Chillicothe, where at the time he had only \$2 in his pocket and a well-worn pair of shoes on his feet. At that time the "castle" as it was called was in process of erection. He was employed at his trade as cabinet-maker and spent nearly a year on the interior finish of that building. Later he opened his cabinet shop on Walnut Street between Water and Second streets, and conducted business there until 1865. Then on account of the ill health of his family he closed his Chillicothe business and removed to Adelphi, where he set up in the undertaking and furniture business.

While growing up in Switzerland, John Wittwer developed his life romance with Marie Lortscher, a member of a very prominent Swiss family. Her father, Christian Lortscher, was born in Canton Berne, was well educated, and exercised a more than ordinary influence in public affairs. For twenty-four years he was a member of the Swiss Senate. He was in the prime of his usefulness when the Swiss Confederation was formed. A commission was sent by the Swiss Government to visit the United States and study the workings of the American Constitution. When this commission reported its findings Christian Lortscher was one of those most actively engaged in preparing the present Constitution of Switzerland, which has long been considered a model of republican government. He remained a lifelong resident of Switzerland. Christian Lortscher married Magdalene Augstein, who also lived out her life in the old country. Mrs. John Wittwer was born in 1824, and in 1852 she set out for America and immediately on her arrival married the sweetheart who had preceded her to this country, John Wittwer. She died August 2, 1884. Her five children were: Mary, Caroline, John, Lydia and Edward J. The daughter Mary died at the age of eighteen. Caroline now lives with her brother and family on the old home place. Lydia died at the age of forty-two. John became associated with his father and brother Edward in business, is now living at Columbus, and by his marriage to Elizabeth Koch has two children named Marjorie and Pauline.

Edward J. Wittwer while growing to manhood attended the public schools of Adelphi and finished his education in the Ohio Northern University at Ada, the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, and also attended the U. S. Grant University at Athens, Tennessee. When he left school it was to become associated with his father and brother in business, and he and his brother John continued the local enterprise established by their father at Adelphi until 1892 when they sold the furniture stock. Since then they have continued to operate together in varied enterprises, particularly the handling of real estate and development of coal lands in Jackson County, Ohio, and in West Virginia. As real estate operators they have purchased suburban property

in the cities of Chillicothe, Lancaster and Columbus, and have platted, improved and in many cases have built houses before selling.

On July 14, 1897, early in his career, Edward J. Wittwer married Mary Patterson Nowlan. She was born at Newark Valley, Tioga County, New York. Her father Hon. Edward G. Nowlan was born at Coles Hill in Broome County, New York, a son of Thomas and Sophia (Enders) Nowlan. Edward Nowlan learned the blacksmith's trade at Newark Valley, followed it for a number of years, and took a very prominent part in local and state politics in New York state. He served as supervisor at Newark Valley, represented his county in the state assembly and was a stout supporter of Roscoe Conkling in the latter's final senatorial campaign. Edward Nowlan married Ann Amelia Patterson, who was born at Newark Valley in 1840, a daughter of Hon. Chester and Mary (Elliot) Patterson. Chester Patterson, the grandfather of Mrs. Wittwer, was a presidential elector in 1824, casting his vote for John Quincy Adams. An interesting history of this branch of the Patterson family has been published by D. Williams Patterson of Newark Valley. Mr. and Mrs. Wittwer have one daughter, Grace Marie, who graduated with the class of 1916 from the Adelphi High School. Mrs. Wittwer is a writer of poems.

At the branch meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society the Methodist Episcopal Church held at Huntington, West Virginia, October 16, 1916, including delegates from six states, Mrs. Wittwer was elected corresponding secretary for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Ohio Conference, and was sent as a delegate to the national executive meeting at Minneapolis, Minnesota. At this meeting only twenty-two delegates are sent from the entire United States.

As already stated Mr. Wittwer has used his ample means to enjoy life to the best advantage. Travel has appealed to him, and he has made many journeys for pleasure and instruction both in this and foreign countries. He took his wife, daughter and sister abroad a few years ago and has twice witnessed the Passion Play at Oberammergau. Since boyhood days he has been interested in archeology and undoubtedly has the finest and most valuable privately owned collection of specimens in Ross County. When the subject of the erection of a memorial building at Chillicothe was proposed, Mr. Wittmer was the first to advocate the setting aside of a room for the purpose of preserving and displaying archeological specimens. He and his family are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Sunday school, and fraternally he is affiliated with Adelphi Lodge No. 512, Free and Accepted Masons, and Adelphi Lodge No. 675, Knights of Pythias. Mr. Wittwer has been identified extensively in lecturing for churches and schools and bankers' conventions. On October 3, 1916, he delivered a speech before the bankers of Group Four, comprising thirteen counties of Ohio, at Chillicothe, which was most enthusiastically received, and a request was made for a repetition of the same for Group Five, at Newark, Ohio, on October 19, 1916. Mr. Kiser, of Sidney Spitzer, of Toledo, Ohio, asked permission to have this speech printed for distribution among bankers of the State

of Ohio. Mr. Wittwer has a lecture, "Glimpses of Europe," which he has delivered more than seventy-five times.

Mr. Wittwer at one time rode the old style high wheel from Adelphi to Des Moines, Iowa, and return, and has the wheel in his possession as a relic. His Columbus address is 200 East Seventh Avenue.

AUSTIN A. HEGLER. Since pioneer times the name Hegler has stood for success and extensive holdings of land in Ross County. It is in many ways an honored name. Hundreds of acres of the fertile land of Ross County has been developed by Hegler enterprise, and the members of the family have also borne a worthy part in every movement for community betterment.

The founder of the family in Ross County was Hon. Abraham Hegler. He was born in Virginia, a son of Jacob and Mary (Dice) Hegler, and was a grandson of Sebastian Hegler, who owned and operated a farm on the south branch of the Potomac River, and spent his last days on that plantation. Abraham Hegler came to Ohio in 1807. In Virginia he married Dolly Stookey, who died in 1858. He brought her as a bride to Ohio, and they had come the entire distance on horseback, carrying their few household and personal possessions. Abraham Hegler established his home in Concord Township, and was soon in the midst of the heavy work required for the clearing and cultivation of a farm. He and his wife had very few white neighbors for several years, and land was very cheap, and could be bought as low as twenty-five cents an acre. Abraham Hegler was a man not only proficient in the arts of farming, but a splendid business man. He kept investing until at one time he was among the largest land owners in Ohio. His first home was a log house, but later he built a substantial brick residence and continued to live there until his death. At one time Abraham Hegler served in the State Legislature, having been chosen by his fellow citizens to that honor and responsibility for two terms.

Cyrus Hegler, a son of Abraham and Dolly Hegler, was born in Concord Township in 1823. After reaching manhood he started out to farm a portion of his father's estate, and when he married he took his bride into a log home. Log houses were then not a mark of poverty or shiftlessness but were the typical homes of the early settlers. Later Cyrus Hegler moved to another tract of land given him by his father on Washington Pike. On that land in 1854 he completed a commodious frame house in the colonial style of architecture. That house even to this day is one of the finest country residences in Ross County. It is massive and substantial, built of timbers that will last for generations to come, and it has many attractive features that more modern homes strive in vain to imitate. Cyrus Hegler was not only successful as a farmer but enjoyed country life as a means of recreation. For many years he maintained a deer park on part of his fine estate. He lived there until his death at the age of eighty-four. The maiden name of his wife was Mary J. Hopkins. She was born in Fayette County, Ohio, a daughter of Jeremiah and Nancy (Claypool) Hopkins. Mrs. Cyrus

Hegler died in 1909, aged eighty-two. Her family consisted of three daughters and one son, named Cordelia, Austin, Ella and Dolly.

Austin A. Hegler, the only son of his parents, was born in Concord Township October 20, 1850. Being one of a household of substantial means, he was given all the opportunities he desired for an education. He attended the country schools, also a select school at Bloomingburg, and completed his education in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. While he might have made a choice of various vocations, farming was his favorite occupation from the first, and for many years he has devoted his best time and energies to that calling. In 1889 he moved from Concord Township to Washington Court House, where for ten years he conducted a livery business. Since then he has resided in Concord Township on his farm, though for two years he traveled in the West and South. In 1903 he located on a part of the homestead and is successfully identified with its management.

Mr. Hegler has never identified himself with any secret society, or social organization of any kind. His spare time is spent in reading and he is one of the best posted men on current affairs in Ross County. His only daughter is the wife of Otto Tritcheler of Chillicothe.

CEPHUS C. RITTENHOUSE. Many of the oldest families of Ross County are found in Concord Township. One of these is the Rittenhouse, represented by Cephus C. Rittenhouse, an old and prominent farmer of that section. His name has always had an honorable standing in Ross County, and its bearers have been men of integrity and solid worth, of great patriotism, serving in the various wars of their country, and in many ways have contributed to the substantial benefit of their communities.

The founder of the family in America was Mr. Rittenhouse's paternal great-grandfather, who came from Germany and settled near Richmond, Virginia, where he spent the rest of his days. The grandfather, Samuel Rittenhouse, was born near Richmond, Virginia, grew up there, and soon after his marriage brought his young bride to Ohio, which was then practically at the beginning of its development. They made the journey across the mountains to their destination on horseback. All their earthly possessions they brought along with them, and on arriving in the wilderness of Ross County they adapted themselves to the primitive necessities of the time. They located near the present site of Musselman's Station in Ross County, and at once began clearing up their land and making a home. A man of industry such as Samuel Rittenhouse was had no special difficulty in providing all of the simple necessities then demanded. People lived in very rude homes, chiefly log cabins, clothing was obtained by spinning and weaving in the house, and what food could not be grown on the land was supplied largely from the wild game which was then so abundant. Deer and wild turkey were an important source of that meat supply. Samuel Rittenhouse lived in Ross County many years and there reared his family, but subsequently moved to Union County and spent his last

years there. He was a man of remarkable physical vigor, and his death occurred in his one hundred eleventh year. He had given active service to his country as a soldier in the Mexican war. In his family were five sons and two daughters named Henry, Thomas, William, David, Tilghman, Carrie and Ann.

Tilghman Rittenhouse, father of Cephus C., was born near the present site of Musselman's Station in Ross County in September, 1828. As a young man he learned the carpenter's trade, and followed that at various places in Ross and Union counties. Later he became an undertaker. With the exception of four years his entire life was spent in Ross County. His death occurred at the age of eighty-four. Tilghman Rittenhouse married Rebecca Laird. She was born in County Donegal, Ireland, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Douglas) Laird, the former a native of County Donegal and the latter of Scotland. Samuel Laird's father was a Scotch baron and an extensive land holder. During an uprising in Scotland he was unfortunately on the losing side and his estate was confiscated by the crown. Samuel Laird reared six sons and daughters named Moses, Jane, Rebecca, James, Thomas and Catherine. Of these the son Moses emigrated to America when a young man, locating near New Holland in Ohio, and became a successful farmer. A few years later he induced his father, his mother in the meantime having died, to bring the younger children to America. They made the voyage on a sailing vessel, battling with the winds and waves for thirteen weeks. After landing at Philadelphia they came on to Pickaway County, where Samuel Laird made his home with his son Moses. Mrs. Tilghman Rittenhouse died at the age of eighty-seven years. Her six children were named Cephus C., John, William, Thomas, George and Jennie.

Cephus C. Rittenhouse was born at Frankfort, Ross County, November 7, 1853. As a boy he attended public schools both in Ross and in Union County. For two years he worked at the carpenter's trade, and then took up farming as his regular vocation in life. For a time he worked at monthly wages until he had saved sufficient to buy a team, and with that equipment he rented some land. From one step to another he has made constant progress, and for the past thirty-two years has occupied one of the good farms in Concord Township and has made a success as a general farmer and stock raiser.

During his twenty-second year Mr. Rittenhouse married Nancy Wornstaff. She was born near the Village of Roxabell in Ross County, a daughter of Richard and Elsie (Carmean) Wornstaff, both natives of Ross County. Her father was a merchant in Ross County when the war broke out and soon afterward left his store to enlist in an Ohio regiment. He died while in service at Acworth, Georgia, and was buried in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Rittenhouse have reared six children: Myrtle, Arthur, Emma, Faye, Maude and Bly. Myrtle is the wife of Otto Roll. Arthur married Anna Swires, and their two children are Virgil and Curtis. Emma married N. E. Bablet and their three children are Lloyd, Mervin

and Marie. Faye is the wife of Charles Milligan, with three children named Pauline, Gladys and Charlotte.

In church affiliation Mr. and Mrs. Rittenhouse are Methodists. He has always been an active democrat. He is now serving his fourth consecutive term as township trustee. He is a charter member of Frankfort Camp No. 4065 of the Modern Woodmen of America, and has been its secretary since it was organized in 1896. He is also a member of Frankfort Lodge No. 309, Free and Accepted Masons.

CAPT. JOHN W. JENKINS of Frankfort is one of the surviving veterans of the Civil war. He earned his rank and title by gallant and meritorious service with an Ohio regiment, and rose from a place in the ranks to the leadership of a company. Aside from his military experience his years have been spent largely in farming, though he has given generously of his time and means to the promotion of every worthy local enterprise.

He was born near Shiloh Church in Concord Township, March 20, 1836. His father, John Jenkins, was born in Pennsylvania and as a young man came to Ohio. He made the entire journey on foot. Ross County was then fairly well settled but still a pioneer community, since there were neither railroads nor canals. In Concord Township he bought a tract of timbered land, and there put up the rude log house in which Captain Jenkins first saw the light of day. John Jenkins cleared his land and remained a practical farmer of the county until his death. He married Eliza Pursell, who was a native of Ross County. Their six children were named John, Thomas, Margaret, Roland, Mary and Polk.

When Captain Jenkins was a boy sixty or seventy years ago, there were few good schools anywhere in Ohio. Most of the country schools at least were taught in log buildings. There were rude benches of slabs for the scholars to sit on, and the teacher followed the time honored custom of boarding around among the patrons of the school. However, Captain Jenkins made the best possible use of such advantages, and after leaving the common schools he attended for a time the old South Salem Academy. When he was eighteen years of age he began teaching. His first term was taught in the Kline district of Concord Township. After teaching two terms he took up farming, and was thus engaged until the outbreak of the Civil war. In 1861, a few months after hostilities were declared, he enlisted in Company K of the Sixty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Two years later in 1863 he veteranized and was with the army in many hard fought battles and campaigns until after the close of the war. Much of his service was in the Mississippi Valley, following the armies of Grant and Sherman, through the East Tennessee campaign, during the hundred days of continuous fighting between Chickamauga and the siege and capture of Atlanta, and after the fall of that city he followed Sherman to the sea, and from Savannah marched up through the Carolinas. After the surrender of the Confederate forces under Johnston he and his comrades went on to Rich-

mond and thence to Washington, and there participated in the glorious spectacle of the Grand Review. From private he went steadily upward through the grades until he reached a captaincy.

Receiving his honorable discharge in 1865, he returned home, but the following March went out to Missouri and bought land in Jackson County near Kansas City. He was a farmer there for ten years, at the end of which time he sold and returned to Ross County. Captain Jenkins then settled on the farm which he still owns in Concord Township. He farmed that place until 1916 and in July of that year moved to Frankfort, where he now enjoys a well earned retirement.

On February 22, 1866, Captain Jenkins married Mary Evans. She was born in Clarksburg of Ross County, a daughter of Dr. John Baxter and Lucinda (Wilson) Evans, and a granddaughter of Isaac and Jane (Morton) Evans. Her father was a very successful physician, at first in Clarksburg and afterward in Frankfort, and practiced over that part of the county until his death. Captain and Mrs. Jenkins have two sons, Marcus and Pursell. Marcus married Nora Stookey and their three daughters are Ruby, Edith and Clara. Pursell married Lucy Jones, and they have two daughters, Mary and Louise. Captain Jenkins and wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church. He was a charter member of McNeil Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Politically he has always been a stanch supporter of the principles of the republican party. Many times his fellow citizens have called him to places of responsibility and trust, and for ten years he filled the place of township trustee and for two terms was a county commissioner.

BENJAMIN A. STAGGS. As a farmer, building contractor, real estate dealer, and public official Benjamin A. Staggs has played a varied and important part in the life of Ross County during the last forty years. His home is in Frankfort though his business dealings extend to various parts of Ross County and to other states. Mr. Staggs is a widely traveled man and has a very accurate knowledge of conditions in various other states.

Though not a native of Ross County, he represents one of the very old family names here, since his grandfather was one of the pioneers of northwest territory. His great-grandparents probably came from Ireland and were of Scotch ancestry. They came to this country before the Revolutionary war, locating in the colony of Virginia. Mr. Staggs' grandfather, William Staggs, was born in Virginia in 1778. He learned the trade of carpenter and went from Virginia to Kentucky, becoming one of the early settlers in Clark County. His home in Kentucky was on the road between Winchester and Mount Sterling, about equi distant from those two points. From there he came across the Ohio River into northwest territory, and acquired land in Concord Township. When the Village of Frankfort was incorporated in 1827, William Staggs was honored by election as its first mayor. He lived there industriously and serviceably until his death on September 13, 1864. William Staggs

married Elizabeth Clausen, who died in April, 1855, when about seventy years of age.

Alfred Staggs, the only son of William and Elizabeth Staggs, was born in Concord Township of Ross County, February 18, 1802, just about the time Ohio was admitted to the Union. He learned the trades of brickmaker and bricklayer, and in that capacity proved a very valuable factor in Ross County and elsewhere. He became a contractor and builder of Chillicothe, was in business there several years, and then moved to Clark County, Kentucky, and located in the same community where his father had lived in pioneer times. In 1854 he returned to Ross County, locating in Frankfort, where he continued his business as contractor and builder throughout the remainder of his active years. He died May 5, 1883, an honored and useful citizen. In July, 1828, Alfred Staggs married Eliza Simpson. She was born in Buckskin Township of Ross County, November 10, 1810, and her father, Matthew Simpson, a native of Ireland of Scotch-Irish ancestry, had been one of the pioneers of Buckskin Township, where he improved a farm and lived until his death. Mrs. Alfred Staggs died August 24, 1883, in the same year as her husband. Her four children were: Margaret E., Sarah C., John C., and Benjamin A. The daughter, Sarah, married Henry C. Painter, and lived in Frankfort. Margaret married Richard Elliott, and her daughter was the wife of William Haynes, they have a son named Frank Leslie. John C. Staggs, the other member of the family, enlisted at the age of sixteen in the First Regiment of Ohio Artillery, was in active service a little more than two years, and since his honorable discharge has been prominently identified with Ross County, having served as county clerk, as court bailiff, as secretary of the Soldiers Relief Commission, and as clerk of the Grand Army Post at Chillicothe.

Benjamin A. Staggs was born in Clark County, Kentucky, January 28, 1849, while his father occupied the old home of the grandfather in that state. He was brought back to Ross County when about five years of age, grew up and received his education in the public schools of Frankfort and also attended the National Normal School at Lebanon. Since his early years he has played an active and useful part. At the age of eighteen he began teaching, his first term being in Deerfield Township. Later he taught in Concord and Union townships. In 1879 Mr. Staggs engaged in the mercantile business at Roxabell. While there he was station agent and postmaster for two years. He then returned to Frankfort and conducted a hardware and grocery store for about five years. In the meantime he had become successfully identified with the real estate business. In that capacity he has done much to improve his home town and has also proved a medium for the settlement and development of new districts in western states. He built a number of houses at Frankfort, and for some years owned and operated a farm in Concord Township. In 1881 he spent some months in Kansas, where he invested in real estate, and during 1889-90 was in the real estate business in the new State of Washington. At the present time he is

interested in real estate in Polk County, Wisconsin, where he has some very large holdings and spends a part of each year there.

In 1873 Mr. Staggs married Alice N. Haynes, who was born in Deer Creek Township of Pickaway County, a daughter of Daniel and Annie Haynes. Mr. and Mrs. Staggs are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with Frankfort Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Greenfield Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Chillicothe Council, Royal and Select Masters.

Since casting his first presidential vote for General Grant, Mr. Staggs has been faithfully aligned with the republican party. He served ten years as a member of the village council at Frankfort, twelve years as a member of the school board, was township assessor eight years, mayor one year, and Governor Willis appointed him district tax assessor, an office he filled until the post was abolished.

FRED PUTNAM, prominent farmer in Concord Township, continues the activities and influence of a very notable family in Ross County. The Putnams have been identified with this part of Ohio since pioneer times, and the lives and characters of its members have made an indelible impress upon the farms, good citizenship and the varied institutions of the county.

Mr. Putnam was born in Concord Township, November 17, 1885. His father, Marcellus Putnam, was born in the same Township. The Grandfather Alfred Putnam was born also in Concord Township. Peter Putnam, the great-grandfather, was a native of Virginia, as was also his father, Philip Putnam. Philip Putnam emigrated from Virginia to Ohio and was one of the first to develop the lands of Concord Township in Ross County. Peter Putnam bought land in Concord Township, became a very successful farmer and lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years. He married Keziah Hoddy. That introduces another pioneer family of Ross County. Her father, Richard Hoddy, was born in Virginia, served with distinction in the Revolutionary war, and afterward settled among the pioneers of Ross County. Peter Putnam and wife reared a family of twelve children.

Alfred Putnam grew up on a farm in Ross County, and was widely known over this section of Ohio not only as a farmer but as a stock raiser and dealer. He acquired considerable wealth through his varied enterprises, but lived on his farm until about five years before his death. He married Rebecca Day.

Marcellus Putnam grew up on a farm, and made that his vocation until his death. He married Mary Belle James, who was born in Concord Township, a daughter of Strawder James and a granddaughter of Reuben James, one of Concord Township's early settlers. Strawder James was a farmer and spent all his life in Ross County. He married Rebecca Bush. She was born on the present site of Austin in Concord Township, a daughter of Jacob Bush, who was a native of the same locality and a son of John Bush, one of the very first settlers of the township. Jacob Bush owned and operated a farm near the present site

of Austin, and lived there until his death in 1868. His wife was Eve Mallow, of another pioneer family. She was born about three miles north of Austin, and spent her entire life in Concord Township. Mrs. Rebecca (Bush) James died in 1907, having reared six children named Milton, Mary Belle, Vina E., Clara, Charles and Nannie. Fred Putnam was one of five children, the others being named Lee S., Earl, Madge and Russ.

Mr. Fred Putnam spent his early life on his father's farm and after leaving the common schools entered the Clarksburg High School, where he was graduated in 1902. He then took up farming on his grandfather's old homestead, and has remained there successfully identified with agricultural affairs to the present time. He has his farm completely stocked and equipped with all the implements necessary for thorough field and animal husbandry.

On October 29, 1908, he married Etta Jamison. She was born in Deerfield Township of Ross County, a daughter of David and Etta (Peck) Jamison. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam have a son named Frederick Wendell, born May 1, 1911. The family are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Austin, and Mr. Putnam is affiliated with Frankfort Lodge No. 309, Free and Accepted Masons.

WILLIAM C. NEWELL. The records of some of the solid old families of Ross County are exceedingly interesting. Too often much data has been lost, as families in early days changed their abode without preserving valuable papers and dates, and thus their descendants cannot always prove statements that they nevertheless know to be true, but in large measure this has not been the case in the Newell family. Early settlers in Belmont County and pioneers in Highland County, Ohio, the data goes back to the grandparents on one side and to old Virginia on the other. One of the representative members of this well known family is found in William C. Newell, ex-postmaster of Bainbridge, Ohio, ex-sheriff of Highland County, Ohio, a Civil war veteran and a prominent and public spirited citizen of Ross County.

William C. Newell was born August 9, 1841, in Highland County, Ohio, and is a son of Samuel E. and Hannah R. (Gleever) Newell. His father was born in Belmont County, Ohio, in 1810, and his mother at Winchester, Virginia, in 1820. Both came early to Highland County and married there and through many years following remained people of solid worth and examples of domestic happiness and of neighborly kindness. They had two children: Nannie E., who is deceased, was the wife of John W. Hill; and William C. They were members of the Presbyterian Church in which Samuel E. Newell was an elder. In early days he was a whig and later became active in local republican circles. He followed the trade of millwright, a very important and rather lucrative one at that time.

William C. Newell was reared in Highland County and obtained his education in the district schools. He then went into the milling business with his father and continued until his enlistment for service in the Civil

war, in August, 1862, when he became a member of Company F, Sixtieth Ohio Infantry. During this term of enlistment he suffered capture by the enemy at Harper's Ferry but was exchanged and mustered out but re-enlisted in the Twenty-fourth Battery Ohio Volunteer Light Artillery and served until the close of the war when he was mustered out as quartermaster sergeant. Mr. Newell returned then to Highland County and resumed business with his father. In the meanwhile he became so well and widely known as a man of courage and integrity that in 1876 he was elected sheriff of Highland County and during the two terms that he consented to serve, made a record for official efficiency. Finally disposing of his milling business in his native county, he moved to Bainbridge in Ross County, where he again was in the milling business until 1897, when he was appointed postmaster of Bainbridge and served continuously in that office until August 15, 1913. During his many years in public life Mr. Newell not only kept his old friends who had had faith in him but yearly added others because of his fair treatment of everyone and his known uprightness in every situation. He still continues an active factor in the ranks of the republican party in this section.

On October 12, 1882, Mr. Newell was united in marriage with Margaret R. Foraker, who was born at Rainsboro, Ohio, January 10, 1853, and is a daughter of H. S. and Margaret (Reece) Foraker. Mrs. Newell was educated in the public schools and was graduated from the Hillsboro Female College, after which she taught the pupils in the Hillsboro public schools for six years. With her husband she belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church and takes a very earnest interest in all its agencies for good. Mr. and Mrs. Newell have two sons: Frank F. and Joseph B. The latter is a graduate of the Bainbridge schools and the Cincinnati Law School and is court reporter for the Third Judicial District of New Mexico. He was married to Miss Josephine Campfield and they have one child.

Mr. Newell has long been identified with the Masonic fraternity and belongs to the Chapter at Bainbridge and his wife is a member of Bainbridge Chapter No. 183, Order of the Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Newell is the present worthy matron and as such she has attended the grand chapter of this order.

DAVID M. BOWER. It is the man of character who can accomplish prosperity in the face of adversity. When David M. Bower, now one of the substantial and well-to-do farmers of Green Township, made his first start in life, it was in a western state, where various conditions and causes combined to reduce him financially about as low as possible. Returning to his native County of Ross, where the family name is an old and honored one, he was not so much a sadder as wiser man. He began all over again. Gradually, step by step, his course has been upward, **and the circumstances that now surround him are the visible evidence of his integrity, his industry and his continued good judgment.**

Some facts of his family history should be reviewed. His grand-

father was Johan Bower, a native of Wuerttemberg, Germany. There he was reared and there he married a native of the same kingdom, Margaret Ann Schott. That was a time when the star of Napoleon was still in the ascendant, and for five years Johan Bower fought in the armies of the great emperor. A number of years later, in 1832, with his wife and their three children, he set out for America. The old fashioned sailing vessel was forty-seven days in crossing the ocean to New York. It will be remembered that no railroad then led westward across the mountains, and the only means of reaching Ohio was by highway or water routes. This family traveled by water most of the way. Up the Hudson River by boat to Albany, thence through the Erie Canal, opened in 1825, to Buffalo, and thence by combined water and overland ways to Chillicothe, where they spent the first winter. In the spring John bought a tract of land in the western part of Harrison Township. A log house standing there constituted the first home of the Bower family in Ross County, and they managed to get along very well with its inconveniences for several years. On that old homestead John died in 1840, but his widow survived until her eighty-fifth year. Three more children were born to them in America, and the names of the six were John Jacob, Margaret, John Frederick, John Gottlieb, Catherine and Joseph.

John Frederick Bower, father of David M., was born in the old country, and was only 3½ years old when brought to America. His early life was one of comparatively pioneer surroundings with limited advantages. He grew up strong and sturdy, and found opportunity for abundance of hard work, which gave him the leverage required for the support and rearing of a family. He worked on farms for wages, then rented a time, and finally bought the farm in Green Township, which he conducted until his death at the age of sixty-eight. By his marriage to Martha Ring he reared eight children, named Joseph, Mary, John, Martha Jane, David M., Emarilla, Ella and Love.

Such was the family history of David M. Bower, who was born on a farm in Green Township August 23, 1862. His childhood years were divided between the district schools and the duties of the home farm. Altogether it was a wholesome experience and a training worth while. As soon as possible he was earning his own way, and for a time he rented some land in Green Township. Thus he accumulated a small stock of animals and tools. Seeking a newer and large country, he sold what he had in Ross County and moving out to Missouri he began as a renter in Johnson County. Not only were the crops poor for several successive seasons, but he suffered bad health, and it is not strange that he lost practically all his modest capital.

He was barely even with the world when he returned to Ross County and faced the world anew. He was not discouraged, and pride did not prevent him from starting at the bottom. Employment on a farm at monthly wages enabled him to support his family, and he also saved enough money to buy some stock and tools. Then for twelve years he was the successful operator of rented farms. After that he bought the

farm in Green Township which he still owns and occupies. Its 194 acres are unusually well improved, with substantial buildings, good live stock, modern machinery.

Early in life Mr. Bower chose wisely a helpmate, who has been a large factor in his success. At the age of twenty-two he married Miss Alice Garrett, who represents a very old American family. She was born in Green Township, a daughter of Richard and Mary (Pixler) Garrett. Richard was the son of Reuben Garrett, who was born in Essex County, Virginia, May 5, 1784, and he in turn was the son of William Garrett, a native of Virginia and believed to have been a direct descendant of the Garrett, blacksmith, who came to the Jamestown colony with Capt. John Smith. William Garrett was a soldier of the American Revolution, being in the Third Company of the Second Virginia Regiment under Col. Alexander Spottswood. After the war his life was spent as a farmer and fruit grower in Essex County, where he died in 1825. His first wife, the great-grandmother of Mrs. Bower, was Elizabeth Taylor, who spent all her life in the Old Dominion. Reuben Garrett, when a young man, served as apprentice to the tailor's trade. He was already past middle age when, in 1832, he emigrated west to Ross County. His household goods were placed in a wagon, and accompanied by wife and seven children, the journey was slowly made over rough roads until they arrived in Green Township. Here his useful life came to a close on July 28, 1857. He married Sarah Tombs, who was born in Virginia and died in 1878. Richard Garrett, father of Mrs. Bower, was born in Essex County, Virginia, and was young when he came to Ross County. Farming was his regular vocation, and his death occurred at the age of sixty-nine. His wife Mary Pixler's parents came to Ross County in the early days from Pennsylvania, and she is still living, making her home with her children of whom there were eleven in number, as follows: Franklin P., Reuben, John, Alice, Thomas, Charles, Lettie, Harley, Sally, Laura and Daniel.

Into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bower have come ten children, and they have been reared a credit to their parents. Their names are Jesse, Ida, Fred, Edward, David, Jr., Earl, Alfred, Goldie, Ethel, and Mary. Jesse married Rena Knab and their four children are Robert, Luther, Grace and Janet. Ida is the wife of Henry Dunkle and has three sons, Stanley, David and Donald. Fred married Cleo DeLong and has two children, Curtis and Paul. Edward, who married Ada Veter, is also the father of two, Carrie and Merle. David, Jr., married Ella Deihl, and their children are Mae and Lorin. Mrs. Bower is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ZACHARIAH ERDMANN. A venerable and highly esteemed citizen of Chillicothe, was the late Zachariah Erdmann, who for many years was engaged in business as a merchant tailor, and his financial prosperity was entirely due to his good business methods. He was born October 11, 1829, in Oberdala, Prussia, a son of John M. Erdmann, a farmer, who spent his entire life in his native land.

Leaving school at the age of fourteen years, Zachariah Erdmann served an apprenticeship of three years at the tailor's trade, and then, as was customary in that country, he traveled from city to city, working a brief time at his trade in each, and receiving from each of his employers a certificate testifying to his exemplary character, and to his excellent workmanship. At the age of twenty-two years, he was enrolled as a soldier in the Prussian army, but it being a time of peace he was not called into active service at all. He continued at his trade until twenty-five years old, becoming an expert tailor. In 1854 Mr. Erdmann, fired with enthusiasm by the glowing accounts of conditions in America, emigrated to this country, being fifty-four days crossing the Atlantic in a sailing vessel. Landing in New York, he remained in that city nearly five years, having found employment as cutter in a tailoring establishment. Going from there to Cincinnati, Mr. Erdmann was similarly employed in that place until 1865, when he located in Chillicothe. Embarking then in business as a merchant tailor, he built up a large and highly remunerative patronage, his reputation for skilful workmanship, and his willing efforts to oblige his patrons, winning him a long list of customers. He was thus successfully employed until about the age of eighty, when he retired from business, being succeeded by his son. Mr. Erdmann died July 21, 1916, being then in his eighty-seventh year.

Mr. Erdmann married, in New York City, Maria Lippert, who was born in the City of Darmstadt, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and came to America at the age of eighteen years. She died August 17, 1887, leaving nine children, namely: Bertha, wife of Adam Falter; Katherena, who presides over her father's household; Charles J.; John F.; Frederick; Frank; Gustav A.; Edward; and William, deceased.

WILBUR S. METCALFE. Three generations of the Metcalfe family have lived in Ohio, and Wilbur S. Metcalfe is one of the active and progressive farmer citizens of Ross County, with home in Green Township.

He was born at Bourneville in Ross County, November 26, 1874. The founder of the family in Ohio was his grandfather, Rev. Stephen Metcalfe, who was born in Virginia, where he was reared and educated, and on coming to Ohio located in Washington County. He had been ordained a preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Virginia, and on coming to Ohio he joined the conference of this state and took up the arduous duties of a circuit rider, visiting isolated homes and churches on horseback. His last years were spent in Athens County.

William S. Metcalfe, father of Wilbur S., was born near Athens, Athens County, Ohio, and in spite of handicaps and disadvantages secured a good education. Soon after the war broke out he enlisted in the Forty-fifth Ohio Infantry, and made a most creditable record as a soldier of the Union. He was promoted through the different grades until he became captain of his company, and was in almost constant service in the various campaigns and battles in which his regiment was

engaged until the close of the war, when he received his honorable discharge.

After the war he became a teacher, and was also licensed as a local preacher of the Methodist denomination, and supplied a number of pulpits in Ross County and elsewhere. He also served one term as representative of Ross County in State Legislature. His death occurred near Bourneville, May 6, 1898, when sixty-nine years of age. William S. Metcalfe married Patience Igo, who was born near Bourneville, daughter of William and Julia Ann (Mackenzie) Igo. Mrs. Metcalfe is still living, a resident of Chillicothe. She reared six children named, Maud, Lewis, Fred, Wilbur, Alice and Mack.

In his native community of Bourneville Wilbur S. Metcalfe spent his early youth, and graduated from the high school there. Early in his career he adopted farming as his regular vocation, and for a year he rented a place at Frankfort. In 1899 he located on a part of the Christopher Patrick homestead in section 1 of Green Township, and that has been the scene of his successful endeavors as a general farmer and stock raiser for the past seventeen years.

In 1899 Mr. Metcalfe married Mary Patrick, who was born in Salt Creek Township of Pickaway County, a daughter of Christopher and Rachel (Lutz) Patrick. Her maternal grandfather, Samuel Lutz, was a very prominent citizen of Pickaway County, and as a civil engineer surveyed much of that section of the country. He was also active in politics and several times represented Pickaway County in the State Legislature. Another distinction that is associated with his name is that he lived to be one hundred and one years of age. He was strong mentally and physically to the end. Mrs. Metcalfe's father, Christopher Patrick, was a prominent farmer, stock raiser and landowner in Green Township, Ross County, and Pickaway County. His grandfather, William Patrick, emigrated from Maryland and settled near Hallsville. The three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe are Myron Charles, Edwin William and Harry Donald. Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is affiliated with Kingston Lodge of the Masonic order. He is also performing his share of civic duties as a member of the Kingston School Board.

PHILEMON S. KARSHNER. The Karshners, formerly spelled Kershner, came to America from Amsterdam, Holland, through the influence of the wife of William Penn, she having been a native of that city. Three brothers arrived in America with a large party of immigrants in the winter of 1722-23. Conrad, the youngest of the three brothers, settled in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and at one time owned the present site of Wernersville. He married and had ten children, the fifth of whom was Conrad. Conrad married a lady who lived to be one hundred years old. To this union were born eight children, the eldest being Daniel and the second Jacob, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch.

Jacob Karshner was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, April 27.

1775, and came to Ohio with his brother Daniel in 1807, arriving about the 6th of June. That was five years before the War of 1812, in which he saw active service. He brought with him his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Dunklebarger, born January 12, 1778, and those of their children who had been born in Pennsylvania. They accomplished the entire journey from Pennsylvania with wagons and teams. At that time Ross County was almost on the extreme northern and western line of settlement in all the old Northwest Territory. Jacob Karshner, on arriving, entered the northwest quarter of section 1 of what is now Colerain Township. The patent to this land was signed by Thomas Jefferson, then President of the United States.

The settlers and the forces of the United States Government were even then battling for possession of the lands in the Northwest Territory, and the Indians by no means gracefully retired from the possession of these former hunting grounds. In the year that the Karshner family established itself in Ross County, Robert Fulton made his first successful experiment with the steamboat on the Hudson River. The first railroad in America was not built for nearly twenty years later, and with these points in mind it is somewhat easier to reconstruct the Ross County of that day. There were no markets for the surplus products. Corn and other grains were too bulky to be transported, and the only source of profit was to convert them into meat and drive the stock overland.

Jacob Karshner had four uncles who served in the Revolution. His brother Daniel was a member of the General Assembly of Ohio for the years 1841-1842. The children of Jacob Karshner were Enoch, Jacob, Catherine, Elizabeth, Margaret, Samuel, John, Susan and Margaret, twins. All of them except Catherine lived to a good old age.

John Karshner, who was born in Adelphi, Ross County, February 23, 1815, grew up in that locality. Such education as he had was from the subscription schools maintained in the early days of Adelphi. When still little more than a boy he assumed charge of the affairs at home, his father giving him fifty acres, and with that as a nucleus, he accumulated real estate until at one time he held title to 1,600 acres of fine land. John Karshner was a man of striking individuality, distinguished appearance and of tireless enterprise. He was very successful in business, and public-spirited almost to a fault. When scarcely of age he was elected clerk of the township, an office he filled for eight or ten years, and was then chosen treasurer and then trustee and land appraiser. In 1871 he was elected county commissioner, filling the office for three years. While he was county commissioner the infirmary was built.

He had an ambition to place his home town of Adelphi in touch with the surrounding world by a railroad. He supplied most of the means and the energy toward building a railroad from Kingston to Adelphi. Principally due to his advanced age at the time this enterprise was undertaken, it proved to be unfortunate, and his fine estate was swept away. The railroad was operated for about fourteen years and was then abandoned, and since then Adelphi has been isolated so

far as railroads are concerned. John Karshner died May 3, 1909, at the age of ninety-four.

In 1872 John Karshner married Phoebe Swinehart, a native of Adelphi and of an old family there. Her great-grandfather, John Swinehart, served in the Revolution as a member of the Fifth Battery, Berks County, Pennsylvania, militia. Another great-grandfather, Peter Wheeland, was killed at Forty Fort, Wyoming Valley, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, while assisting in the defense of the settlement against the British and Indians on July 3, 1778. The wife of Peter Wheeland, and his children, among whom was the grandmother of Phoebe Swinehart, then three years old, escaped across the Susquehanna River in a rowboat and subsequently made their way to Virginia, where in after years this girl, Susan Wheeland, became the wife of Peter Madden. Peter Madden's mother was Esther O'Neil, a member of the noble family of O'Neil in Ireland. Phoebe Swinehart had two brothers who served in the Civil war, one, Demming, dying while in the service. Phoebe Swinehart was born May 11, 1850, and died October 23, 1913.

Philemon S. Karshner, son of John and Phoebe (Swinehart) Karshner, was born at Adelphi, in Ross County, May 9, 1875, and has for many years been a lawyer, while those familiar with his work declare that his ability is of the best. For a number of years he was in practice at Columbus, but owing to ill health, he returned to the old homestead at Adelphi, and while he does not maintain an office, his services are in constant demand by important clients.

Mr. Karshner acquired his early education in the Adelphi public schools, also attended the Columbus Latin School, and subsequently graduated LL. B. from the law department of the University of Michigan. In 1896 he was admitted to the bar. Throughout his professional career he has specialized in corporation law. He is now general counsel for the Citizens Wholesale Supply Company, of Columbus, and the George H. Rundle Company, of Piqua. These are corporations of \$500,000 capital each.

While located in Columbus he was counsel for many years for the Marzetti estate, one of the largest estates in that city. He has also assisted the general counsel for the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, one of the largest corporations of America, in a case in the Supreme Court of Ohio. He has had many cases in the Supreme Courts of several of the states and in the United States Circuit Courts and Circuit Courts of Appeal.

Against the advice of one of the ablest lawyers in Pennsylvania and also one of the best lawyers in Ohio, he took a case for a client from the Court of Quaker Sessions in Pennsylvania to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, then to the Supreme Court of that state, and finally to the Supreme Court of the United States. He was defeated in all the Pennsylvania courts, but the United States Supreme Court, by a unanimous vote, reversed them all and sustained Mr. Karshner's contention. The case was a very important one and involved the commerce clause of the Constitution of the United States. On the opposite side

of the case were Harry S. Knight and Simon P. Wolverton, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, the latter being one of the best lawyers in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Karshner won the first case under the National Food and Drug Law to reach any of the higher courts. In that case he defeated the State of Iowa in the Supreme Court of that state. The state was represented by its attorney general and by distinguished counsel specially employed for the case.

In a number of instances Mr. Karshner's briefs have been complimented from the bench, and counsel associated with him in cases have said that they have never seen better briefs than he has prepared. Fraternally he is a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity of the University of Michigan. Reared on a farm, he has never lost interest in the pursuit of agriculture, and has enjoyed the life and activities of the country. He and his sister now own the homestead which their grandfather secured direct from the Government more than a century ago. The fields are operated through renters, and he occupies the fine house which his father built almost half a century ago.

The late Prof. Frank T. Cole, head master of the Columbus Latin School, declared Mr. Karshner the best Latin scholar that was ever in his school. In 1914 Mr. Karshner was solicited to become the nominee of the democratic party for the office of prosecuting attorney of Ross County, but owing to other matters, was obliged to decline. At the present time he is president of the Colerain Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Karshner has one sister, Marie, who is married to J. W. Blue. They live in Columbus, and have two children, Phoebe Annanette and Dorothy Louise. Edward C. Turner, present attorney general of Ohio, is a cousin of Mr. Karshner.

NEWTON A. VAUGHAN. Representing one of the very old families of Southern Ohio, and now an active business man at Adelphi, Colerain Township of Ross County, Newton A. Vaughan has had a very busy career. He was liberally educated, followed farming and stock raising for a number of years, but finally removed to Ross County and has conducted the leading furniture and undertaking establishment at Adelphi for the past fourteen years.

His birth occurred on a farm in Bloomfield Township of Jackson County, Ohio, September 23, 1863. He is a grandson of Thomas Vaughan, who was born in Pennsylvania, of early Welsh ancestry. From Pennsylvania he went in the early days to Ohio, moving with wagons and teams and becoming an early settler in Bloomfield Township of Jackson County. At that time nearly all that section was a wilderness, land could be secured direct from the Government by paying a small fee, and his neighbors secured their meat largely from the wild game in the woods. He bought a tract of timbered land in Bloomfield Township, improved it with a log house, and after getting established in a financial way became prominent in public affairs. He served seventeen years as circuit judge. He lived on his farm in Jackson County until

his death in 1870. Judge Vaughan married Rebecca Dunham, who died in middle life, after rearing the following children: Jacob, Annie, Phoebe, Margaret, Mordecai, Samuel, James W., Stephen N., William and Thomas H. All the sons became farmers and all lived to a good age except Samuel, who passed away in middle life. William for some years was connected with the furnace business at Jackson. Mordecai, in addition to farming, was active in the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Stephen N. Vaughan, father of Newton A., was born in Bloomfield Township of Jackson County, and for his education attended one of the old-fashioned schools held in a log cabin and conducted on the subscription plan. Nevertheless, he obtained a very substantial education. Reared on a farm, he adopted agriculture as his regular pursuit, and made a brilliant success of it. After leaving the home he bought a tract of land near the old farm of his father and started out as a general crop raiser and stockman. For some years he raised thoroughbred short-horn cattle, but later specialized in the Polled Durham cattle and the O. I. C. swine. He made his stock raising business known far and wide by extensive advertisement, and every advertisement which he inserted in local papers or published otherwise contained the following characteristic sentence: "Dinner always ready here, lodging and meals free." He kept his farm equipped with the latest improved machinery and is said to have introduced the first mowing machine and had the first scales in Bloomfield Township. He was a very progressive man and his success in private affairs was matched by the service he rendered the community in raising the standards of stock production. His death occurred July 19, 1901, at the age of seventy-three. Stephen N. Vaughan was married May 25, 1858, to Lucinda D. Perrell, who was born in Pike County, Ohio, where her father, John Perrell, was a pioneer. She died June 14, 1893. Her five children were: Mary R., Margaret C., Newton A., Phoebe Ann and Emma.

Newton A. Vaughan, the only son of his parents, grew up on his father's stock farm. After finishing the course in the rural schools he attended a select school in Bloomfield Township, also Professor Morgan's school at Oak Hill and Jackson, and finally took the scientific course in the Ohio Northern University at Ada. While thus liberally educated, he did not adopt a profession, but for a number of years applied all his energies to farming and stock raising on 240 acres of his father's original homestead.

In 1902 Mr. Vaughan left the farm and moved to Adelphi in Ross County, where he entered the furniture and undertaking business which he has conducted with growing prosperity to the present time. In 1904 he graduated from the Myers School of Embalming and is equipped both by professional training and with all material facilities for carrying on his business.

On September 19, 1898, Mr. Vaughan married Jennie B. Miller. She was born in Vinton County, Ohio. Her grandfather, Thomas Miller, who was born in Pennsylvania January 14, 1809, was three years of

age when his father died, and he then lived with an uncle until he was twelve, and after that with another uncle, Jacob Guy, who owned a flouring mill. Here he came into a new and varied experience, and drove a four-horse team transporting flour to Pittsburg and Allegheny City. In 1845 he came to Ohio, locating in Weatherville Township of Vinton County, where he purchased and occupied a tract of land until 1849, and then bought another tract of 147 acres in the same township. Here he made a specialty of raising a red navy bean, which found a ready market at Gallipolis, and through raising and selling these beans he paid for his extensive land holdings. In 1866 he sold out and moved to Salem Township, in Meigs County, where he owned and occupied eighty acres until his death, on December 25, 1881. Thomas Miller married Elizabeth Smith, who was born in Pennsylvania August 5, 1813, a daughter of Philip Smith, who was a very remarkable character. He fought with the American army in the struggle for independence during the Revolution, but he continued to live on for many years and reached the remarkable age of one hundred and thirteen. He was an expert shingle maker, and his wonderful vitality is indicated by the fact that when he was one hundred and nine years of age he took a contract to rive the shingles for a large barn. In that he set as his stint the riving and stacking of 500 shingles per day, a performance which, considering his age, was probably never equaled. Mrs. Thomas Miller died August 17, 1896. Her nine children who grew up were John, Jacob G., Philip, Elizabeth, Isaac W., Thomas S., Cyrus C., Henderson S. and Catherine. Isaac W. Miller, father of Mrs. Vaughan, was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and for many years followed farming. When quite a young man he took up the profession of auctioneer, and he followed that for years, crying sales in Vinton and adjoining counties. He is now living retired at Wilkesville in Vinton County, where he serves as justice of the peace. He married Sarah A. Booth, a daughter of Hiram and Minerva (Mannering) Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Adelphi. The five children growing up in their home are Ernest S., Miller D., Marcella S., Loren A. and Stanley N.

ALBERT B. ALBIN, whose home is in Green Township of Ross County, represents a family that has been identified with Southern Ohio for more than a century. His own career has been successfully spent in farming pursuits, and he is now proprietor of one of the well-cultivated and highly improved farms of Green Township.

His birth occurred in Vinton County, Ohio, January 1, 1858. His grandfather, William Albin, was a native of Virginia and of Scotch ancestry. From Virginia he set out with wagons and teams for the Ohio country, and after a few years of residence in Guernsey County, moved to Vinton County, where he bought a tract of wild timbered land and improved a farm, which was his home until his death at the advanced age of ninety-three. William Albin married a Miss Clark, and they reared six sons and six daughters, named James, William,

John, Joseph, Samuel, Benjamin, Delilah, Sarah, Nancy, Barbara, Rachel and Polly.

Of this family, John Albin, who was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, was the father of Albert B. Albin. He was reared on a farm and spent most of his early life in Vinton County, but in 1863 moved to Hocking County, where, with his brother William, he bought a carding mill situated on a large tract of land. There they laid out the Town of Laurelville. John Albin continued to operate the carding mill and was a resident there until 1875, when he bought a farm in Green Township of Ross County. Thereafter he followed farming and stock raising for a number of years, but finally returned to Vinton County, where his death occurred at the age of seventy-seven. John Albin married Martha Gaffney, who was born in Muskingum County, Ohio, a daughter of Daniel Gaffney, her mother's maiden name being Reddick. Mrs. John Albin died at the age of eighty years. Her eight children were Samantha, Nancy, Albert, George, Grant, Edward, Linna and Elmer.

Albert B. Albin was reared at Laurelville, in Hocking County, where he attended the country schools and where he had practical experience assisting his father in the carding mill and also as a farmer. He worked out by the month as a farm hand, and after his marriage was for seven years a renter. He then located on the farm which he now owns and occupies. This is the Senff homestead, where Mrs. Albin was born. There for a quarter of a century Mr. Albin has carried on diversified agriculture, has reared his family, and has gained a gratifying share of material prosperity and at the same time has made himself a useful member of the community.

In 1884 Mr. Albin married Mattie Senff. Her father, Andrew Senff, was born in 1820 on the farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Albin. Her grandfather, Michael Senff, was a native of Pennsylvania and was the grandson of Casper Senff, a native of Germany, who came to America in 1773 and served as a spy in the colonial army during the Revolutionary war. Michael Senff, grandfather of Mrs. Albin, emigrated to Ohio in 1808, and after living for a time in Pickaway County, set up a blacksmith shop at Chillicothe, but eventually bought a farm in Green Township and was occupied with its management until his death in 1845. Michael Senff married Christine Helmer. Both are laid to rest in Whitechurch Cemetery. Mrs. Albin's father succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead in Green Township, and in time erected a commodious frame dwelling house and other necessary farm buildings, and was rated as one of the most successful farmers and stock raisers in Ross County. He invested his surplus capital in other tracts of land until he became owner of upwards of 1,000 acres. He resided in the township until his death, at the age of seventy-three. Mrs. Albin's mother, who died at the age of fifty-three, was Eliza May, who was born in Green Township, a daughter of John and Mary (Ulery) May. Mrs. Albin was one of nine children: Mary, Minerva, Samira, Addison, Loretta, Flora, Monroe, William and Mattie.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Albin have been born two children:

Edna and Carl. Edna married Rudolph Barclay, and their son Donald, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Albin, is the fifth successive generation that has lived on the old Senff homestead. The son Carl married Grace Hinton, and he met his death by accident one week after his marriage, at the age of twenty-three. Mrs. Albin is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ELIAS N. HINTON. Born in the township of his present residence and near the farm which he now occupies and cultivates, and which his great-grandfather took up in a totally wild and unbroken condition from the Government, Elias N. Hinton bears an unusual relation to the soil in this locality and presents in his history elements of unusual interest. He represents the fourth successive generation of the family in occupancy and tillage of the same tract of land, and the different condition now from what it was when the place came into the possession of the family represents not only the achievement of its successive occupants in cultivating and improving it, but also the general progress of this region since civilization was planted here more than a century ago.

His birth occurred in Colerain Township of Ross County, June 1, 1852. His father was John C. Hinton, who was born June 10, 1824, in Colerain Township and in the log cabin which his grandfather had erected on first coming to Ross County. The grandfather of Elias N. Hinton was also named Elias, and he was born probably in Kentucky.

The great-grandfather, the founder of the family in Ross County, was Thomas Hinton, who was probably a native of Maryland, from which state he went to Kentucky and thence to Ohio. In 1807 he entered one lot of land in the east half of section 10, township 10, range 20, now known as Colerain Township. The original patent to this land, issued by the United States Government and signed by Thomas Jefferson, then President of the United States, is now owned by Elias N. Hinton. At that time Ohio was still a young state, and Ross County was largely a wilderness, and the Indians still coveted the unbroken forests as their hunting grounds. Thomas Hinton, after building a log cabin, devoted many years to clearing the land, and resided there until his death.

When the family came to Ross County, Grandfather Elias Hinton was only two years of age. He was reared amid pioneer scenes, and later succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead, and added to its improvements and fertility by a life of industrious labor. He lived there until his death at the age of eighty-three. Elias Hinton married Susanna Cox, whose parents had located in Ohio in the very early days. Grandfather Hinton filled the offices of justice of the peace and township trustee, and was a man of splendid character and valuable influence in the life and times of his community.

John C. Hinton grew up on this old homestead farm, the ownership of which subsequently passed to one of his brothers. He attended some of the early schools conducted on subscription plan, and after reaching manhood bought a tract of land about two miles south of the old home, and lived there engaged in successful farming, and by the addition of

other lands as his means increased, until he was possessor of a property aggregating 275 acres. On that farm he lived until his death at the age of seventy-eight. He had served ten years as a member of the township board of trustees. John C. Hinton married Hannah Leasure, who was born in Colerain Township, a daughter of Jesse and Mollie Leasure. When she died in March, 1879, ten children survived her, namely: Andrew, Mary, Elias N., Jesse, Lewis, Magdaline, Cyrus, Edward, Willard and George.

The first twenty-one years of his life Elias N. Hinton spent on the home farm of his father, in the meantime assisting in its cultivation, and management and also gaining an education in the rural schools. His individual career began as a worker for monthly wages. By strict economy he saved enough of his earnings so as to buy a team and some tools, and then started out as an independent farmer on rented land. For upwards of a quarter of a century he operated largely on land that he rented, but in the meantime he had bought from his uncle the old homestead which his great-grandfather acquired from the Government and where his grandfather had spent his lifetime. When he came into possession of this old home it had among its improvements two very substantial barns, but since then he has erected a modern frame house as a residence, also a tenant house, and has put up a number of other buildings, so as to place this farm among the best in improvements in the township.

At the age of twenty-six Mr. Hinton married Hester Ann DeLong, who was born in Colerain Township, a daughter of Jacob and Susan DeLong, early settlers there. Mr. and Mrs. Hinton have reared five children, Effie, Nevin, Estella, Grace and Pearl. Effie, by her marriage to Chauncey Creachbaum, has four children, named Ray, Mabel, Grace and Thelma. Nevin married Grace Leasure. Estella married Charles Dresbach, and their two children are Charlotte and Wayne. Grace, who died in 1914, was first married to Carl Albin, who met his death by accident a week after marriage, and her second marriage was to George Bower. Pearl married Nellie McCabe.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinton are active members of the United Brethren Church. He is a citizen of great public spirit, and has served as a member of the township board of trustees, the school board, and as road supervisor. He is affiliated with Adelphi Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

JOHN WESLEY RITTENOUR. It was in the closing years of the eighteenth century that the various members of the Rittenour family and their connections located in Ross County. The early generations had their full share of pioneer experiences and hardships. They were among the true builders of the commonwealth of Ohio. They were thrifty and industrious people, morally upright, kind neighbors, and built their lives into the character of the community. A worthy descendant of such stock, John Wesley Rittenour has spent his entire lifetime in

Ross County and is one of the very prosperous farmer citizens of Green Township, living near the historic old Town of Kingston.

The founder of the family in this county was his great-grandfather Anthony Rittenour, who was born and reared in Rockingham County, Virginia. He also lived for some years in Frederick County of that state and for one year in Washington County in Southwestern Pennsylvania. In 1798 he migrated into Northwest Territory. A team drew the wagon out of Pennsylvania and across the hills into the wilderness of Ross County. He was accompanied by his family and on arriving at his destination he entered a tract of Government land in what is now Jefferson Township of Ross County. There he was one of the first to clear the forest and put a plow into the soil. His family occupied a log cabin until he replaced it with a substantial stone house. There he spent his last years and passed away in 1835. Anthony Rittenour married Elizabeth Flusher, who was of German ancestry. They reared six sons and two daughters.

Jacob Rittenour, representing the next generation, was born in Frederick County, Virginia, in 1787 and was eleven years of age when he came to Ross County. Thus a part of his youth as well as his manhood were passed within the borders of this county. With a limited education, he had the practical training best fitted to cope with the situation involved in life in a new country. He spent his best years farming in Jefferson Township, where he died. The maiden name of his wife was Anna Claypool. Her name introduces another pioneer family of Ross County. She was born in Randolph County, Virginia. Her father Abraham Claypool was born in Hardy County, Virginia, now West Virginia, on April 2, 1762. Abraham's father James Claypool was born in Virginia December 1, 1730. The latter's father James, Sr., was born in Virginia, February 14, 1701. On October 9, 1753, James Claypool, Jr., married Margaret Dunbar, who was born November 20, 1736, and died March 26, 1813. She reared a family of nine daughters and three sons. Abraham Claypool was reared and educated in his native state and from there came to Northwest Territory in 1799, locating in what is now Liberty Township of Ross County. He bought timbered land and built for a family residence a substantial hewed log house. Abraham Claypool was a man of considerable distinction in the early days. He was a member of the First Constitutional Convention of Ohio and also of the first State Senate. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Wilson. Both spent their last days on the home farm. Jacob Rittenour and wife reared four children named James, Isaac N., George C. and Margaret.

Isaac Newton Rittenour, father of John Wesley, was born in Jefferson Township of Ross County. Growing up on a farm, he made the best of his limited opportunities to obtain an education in the pioneer schools. As a youth he made several trips over the mountains to the eastern markets as a livestock drover. His independent career began as a worker on shares of a part of his father's farm. Subsequently he became owner of the land, and resided there until his death in 1851. Isaac N. Rittenour

married Sarah Orr. She was born in Springfield Township, a daughter of Thomas Orr, who was born in Hardy County, Virginia, and a granddaughter of James Orr, who was born in Belfast, Ireland. James Orr came from Ireland about 1770, locating first in South Carolina, but a few years later on account of ill health moved to Virginia and lived near Moorefield in what is now Hardy County, West Virginia, until 1797. He then came to the Northwest Territory and established a home in what is now Liberty Township of Ross County. He thus became the third successive stock from which John Wesley Rittenour is descended of the early pioneers of Ross County. His first home in this county was on High Bank prairie, and later he moved to Dry Run, six miles above the High Bank. James Orr was very liberally educated, was a surveyor by profession and one of the first school teachers in Ross County. His death occurred in 1802. Thomas Orr, the maternal grandfather of John W. Rittenour, accompanied his parents to Ross County and it is said that he and his brother Zebulon did the first plowing in Liberty Township, and he also carried a chain for General Massie when the road from Chillicothe to Gallipolis was surveyed. He owned and operated a farm in Springfield Township, and there his life came to a close in 1854. The maiden name of his second wife was Mary Jones, who was born in New Jersey. After the death of Isaac N. Rittenour his widow married W. W. Crabb of Union Township, and she died at the home of her son John W. Rittenour in her ninety-first year.

John Wesley Rittenour was born in Jefferson Township November 7, 1848. As a boy he attended district schools in Springfield and Union townships and prepared for college in the Lebanon Normal School. Entering the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, he remained a student there until the illness of his stepfather called him home to superintend the farm. At the time of his marriage he settled on the Brown homestead belonging to his wife in Green Township, lived there eight years, and then bought the farm where he now resides. Mr. Rittenour and family have one of the very attractive and pleasantly situated homes of Ross County. His dwelling is a handsome and commodious brick house, surrounded by a beautiful lawn. The house is one of the old landmarks, having been built in 1842 and on the farm is a much older relic of early days, a barn that was constructed in 1808, and whose solid timbers after more than a century show the quality of pioneer construction. Mr. Rittenour owns 540 acres while his wife has 216 acres.

In 1871 he married Mary Alice Brown. Mrs. Rittenour was born in Green Township February 17, 1849. Her father, Isaac Brown, was a native of Virginia and of colonial ancestry. Her grandfather, Timothy Brown, came to Ohio and was one of the early settlers in Green Township. He married Catherine Furguson. The family started in the fall and when only part of the distance had been covered to the destination they stopped for the winter. In the spring they arrived in Ross County, where grandfather secured timbered land in Green Township, and erected the log buildings and other improvements which were the beginning of a farm. The grandfather died there at the age of eighty-five, his

children having been named William, David, Timothy, James, Maria, Amos, J. Wesley, Isaac, Rachel and Amella. Isaac Brown, father of Mrs. Rittenour, was reared and educated in Green Township, and eventually secured a part of the old homestead. There he erected a brick house and frame barn, and engaged in farming until his death in 1853. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Clingman, who was also a native of Green Township, and who died in 1851, leaving two children, Clara, wife of Joseph Rogers, and Mrs. Rittenour. Mrs. Rittenour after her mother's death was cared for by her uncle, Amos Brown, who had succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead. Amos Brown was a man who rendered some very useful service to the people of Ross County in early days. He was a teacher and a man of fine integrity of character. He never married, but cared for his mother in her last years, and willed his estate to his nieces, Mrs. Rittenour and Mrs. Rogers. This estate is still owned by them.

Mr. and Mrs. Rittenour have four children, Floyd Isaac, Ora Jeannette, Charles Warren and Lillian Jane. Floyd L. married Marietta Gould, lives at Calexico, California, and has two children named Ruth Jeannette and Robert Gould. The son Charles married Louise Irwin, and lives at Kingston, Ohio, and has a son Charles Warner. Mr. and Mrs. Rittenour and children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mrs. Rittenour and her daughters being members of the Foreign Missionary Society and the Ladies' Aid Society. All the children received part of their education in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. Charles, Ora and Lillian are members of Seoto Grange. Politically Mr. Rittenour is a republican. Mr. Rittenour's farm is known as "Maple Bend."

JOHN PYLE. It was eighty years ago when John Pyle was born in Ross County. For his own career and that of his father and grandfather, his name is one that has been identified with the changing scenes and developments of this section of Ohio since pioneer times. Mr. Pyle has himself borne a worthy part during the many years of his lifetime, is a veteran of the Civil war, and by hard work and correct habits of living has long enjoyed the prosperity he deserves. He and his worthy wife are among the oldest couples in Ross County, and now live in comfort in their home in Green Township.

Born in Harrison Township October 23, 1836, John Pyle is a son of Harrison Pyle, who was born in Springfield Township of this county and is a grandson of William Pyle, who was a native of Pennsylvania and when young accompanied his parents into Virginia, where he grew up and married. In the early years of the last century, long before there were railroads or canals in Ohio, and when the pioneers had to break trails through the woods and when both forest and stream abounded in game and fish that were relied upon to supply the tables with meat, William Pyle started from Virginia for this new western country. He made part of the journey by river and the rest by team. Arriving in Harrison Township of Ross County, he secured a tract of Government

land, and there built a cabin in the midst of the woods. Years of toil enabled him to clear up a good farm, and he and his family experienced all the hardships as well as the pleasant features of life in this raw new country. He remained on his farm until his death. His wife was Mary Janes, a native of Virginia.

Harrison Pyle, whose earliest recollections were of the primitive conditions that existed in Ross County a century ago, after his marriage moved to Green Township, buying a tract of land just across the line from Harrison Township and in the southeast quarter of Green. There the labor of his hands brought about the erection of a substantial hewed log house. His years were successfully devoted to general farming, and he died on his farm at the age of seventy-three. His first wife was Mary Henry, and she died when young, leaving John and Samuel, the latter dying at the age of fourteen. Mary Henry was the daughter of James and Jane Henry, both natives of Ireland, and early settlers in Harrison Township. James Henry improved a farm on Walnut Creek, and both he and his wife lie side by side in Bethel Churchyard. For his second wife Harrison Pyle married Maria Ortmann, and by that union there were four sons and one daughter.

Mr. John Pyle spent his early boyhood in Ross County at a time when there were few and limited school advantages. He attended school when opportunity offered, but gained the best discipline for real life by assisting in the work of clearing and cultivating his father's place. When ready to start out for himself he began as a renter, and followed farming in that way for some years. In May, 1864, he left home to enlist in Company D of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served during the closing months of the war, in Virginia, and was with his regiment in faithful performance of his duties as a soldier until the expiration of his time, when he received an honorable discharge and returned home.

His first land was in the west half of section 21 of Green Township. That he occupied as a farm until 1901. In 1894 he had bought other land in the east half of the same section, and since 1901 he and his good wife have occupied that as their home. In the meantime a set of substantial frame buildings have been erected, they have planted fruit and shade trees, and they now have a place for enjoyment as well as profit. Mr. and Mrs. Pyle, as their years have advanced, have relieved themselves of the active burdens and responsibilities of farming and now have an abundance for all their needs.

On April 15, 1860, Mr. Pyle married Catherine Bower. She was born in Harrison Township of Ross County, October 2, 1835. Her father, Johan Bower, was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, son of George Bower, who spent all his life in the old country. Johan Bower, after his marriage and after having served in the German army five years, came to America in 1832 with his wife and three children, spending seven weeks on the ocean, making the trip in an old-fashioned sailing vessel. The first winter in Ohio was spent in the Village of Chillicothe, and Mr. Bower then went into Harrison Township and bought a tract of

partly improved land. He was a sturdy and successful farmer, developed his home and lived there until his death in 1840. John Bower married Margaret Ann Schott, who was born in Wuertemberg and who survived her husband, attaining the age of eighty-four. After her husband's death she proved her worth outside as well as inside the home, kept her children together, and managed the farm until she saw each of her sons and daughters grown and comfortably established in homes of their own. Her six children were named Jacob, Margaret, Frederick, John, Catherine and Joseph.

Mrs. Pyle is one of the interesting pioneer women of Ross County. As a girl she attended district school, and by assisting her mother, learned many of the housewifely accomplishments and arts of the olden times. When she was a girl all cooking was done at the open fireplace, and under her mother's direction she learned the crafts of spinning both flax and wool, and was an expert in spinning wool, and her skill was known far and wide. She did spinning not only for her own family but for many of the neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Pyle reared five children, Louis, Mary, Elmer, Florence and Fred. Louis married Emma Dent and has a son, William D. Mary is the wife of Thomas Overly, and her four children are, Mabel, Blanche, Clifford and Helen. Elmer, by his marriage to Ida Brown, has three children, Bertha, Lawrence and Charles. Fred married Nellie Hamm. The daughter Florence is living at home and taking care of her parents.

FRANCIS N. R. REDFERN. One of the oldest and most prominent families of Southern Ohio is the Redfern, which has been represented in Ross County by Francis N. R. Redfern, for many years one of the leading lawyers of the county, engaged in practice at Adelphi.

His ancestral line goes back to Solomon Redfern, who was born in Scotland and came to America in colonial times, settling in North Carolina. He married a Miss Harding, who was also a native of Scotland.

Their son, Solomon Redfern, who was born in North Carolina, became a minister of the Methodist Church. Being opposed to the institution of slavery, he left North Carolina and in 1804 moved to the region dedicated to freedom, north of the Ohio River, and was an early settler in Vinton County, Ohio. Here he joined the Ohio Conference and was one of the early circuit riders, having charges in different places. He made his rounds on horseback, and spent his last years near Allenville, in Middle Fork Valley of Vinton County.

A son of this pioneer clergyman was Neriah Redfern, grandfather of the Adelphi lawyer. Neriah Redfern also took up the ministry of the Methodist Church. In the years before the war he was detailed by the Ohio Conference to make a tour of investigation relative to the condition of slaves in the South. In order to make his investigation more effective he went in the guise of a clock repairer, and visited many plantations and slave markets. The items of his experience he formulated in a report which was a very cogent document against slavery.

For many years he was active in the ministry as a member of the

Ohio Conference, and spent his last days at Logan, Ohio. Rev. Neriah Redfern married for his first wife Jane Murphy, who was born in Vinton County and died at an early age. For his second wife he married Priscilla Bright, of Logan, Ohio.

Emery F. Redfern, a son of Rev. Neriah and wife, was born in Vinton County, Ohio, and when he was three years of age he lost his mother and when eight his father died. He then went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Dunkle in Vinton County, and while at their home attended school as opportunity offered, and remained in the Dunkel household until he was twenty years of age. In the meantime the Civil war broke upon the country, and he enlisted in Company B of the Ninetieth Ohio Infantry, going to the front and for several years fighting for the flag in some of the most momentous campaigns of the South. He was present at Shiloh, at Murfreesboro, at Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, then participated in the 100 days of continuous fighting between Chickamauga and Atlanta, and after the siege and capture of that city, returned west with the army commanded by General Thomas and fought at the battles of Franklin and Nashville. He was with his regiment until after the close of the war, and with an honorable record as a soldier returned home and took up farming. During the four years of his work in the fields he studied medicine under Doctor Rannels, and then entered the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati, where he was graduated M. D. in 1879. Being thus prepared for his professional career, he spent one year in practice in Pike County, then removed to Jackson County, and from there located permanently at South Perry, in Hocking County, where he enjoyed a successful practice until his death in September, 1906. Doctor Redfern married Martha A. Nickell. She was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, a daughter of John and Mary (Larkins) Nickell. Her grandfather, Robert Nickell, was a native of the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, and moved from there to Ohio, becoming a pioneer in Vinton County, and improving a farm on Logan Road, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of McArthur. He filled the office of justice of the peace several years. John Nickell, father of Mrs. Redfern, acquired a liberal education, and was a teacher and also a farmer. He spent his last years on his farm three miles west of McArthur. He married Mary Larkin, who was born in Carroll County, Ohio, daughter of Washington Larkin. Washington Larkin was the son of a Frenchman named DeLarkin, who had come to America with La Fayette and had served in the Revolutionary war. After the Northwest Territory was opened up, this veteran of the Revolution located at Steubenville, and from there penetrated the wilderness to the Scioto Valley. There he found it very unhealthy, and finally moved to Carroll County, where he spent his last years. Washington Larkin, an only son of his parents, was a farmer in Carroll County. Mrs. Emery F. Redfern died October 8, 1911, having reared four children, named Francis N. R., Isaac W., Mary A. and Lillian M.

Francis N. R. Redfern was born on the Logan Road on a farm four miles north of McArthur, in Vinton County. As a boy he attended

the rural and village schools, and at the age of seventeen began teaching in Salt Creek Township of Hocking County. He proved a very successful educator and taught steadily until 1902, serving many communities during that time. His last term was taught in Adelphi, his present home. In the meantime he carried on the study of law, and at the conclusion of his last term of school was admitted to the bar and began practice at Adelphi.

On April 10, 1890, Mr. Redfern married Miss Adele Floyd. She was born at South Perry, Ohio, daughter of George W. and Mary Floyd. Mr. and Mrs. Redfern have four children, Emery W., Audrey M., Paul L. and Mary M. The son Emery, who was educated in Adelphi and at Baldwin University at Berea, and in the Cleveland Law School, was admitted to the bar in 1913, and is now associated with his father in handling a large and important practice at Adelphi. Audrey, the second child, graduated from the Adelphi High School, and after one term of experience as a teacher, married Pearl D. Armstrong, a farmer in Pickaway County.

Mr. and Mrs. Redfern are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is affiliated with and is past master of Adelphi Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; past grand of Adelphi Lodge of Odd Fellows, and is past chancellor commander of Adelphi Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

FRED L. LUTZ. The record of a very old and prominent Ohio family can be written under the name of Fred L. Lutz, who for many years has been successfully identified with Ross County agriculture and is now living in Green Township.

He was born in Union Township of this county February 19, 1865. His emigrant American ancestor was Michael Lutz, who settled in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, as early as 1730. The small tract of land which he bought in that county was located on the south side of the Lehigh River, not far from its mouth. That was the scene of his activities until his death. In the next generation comes Ulrich Lutz, who died in 1790. His wife, Elizabeth Deis, who died in 1818, was the daughter of parents who were born in Zwebrucken, Germany.

Jacob Lutz, great-grandfather of Fred L., was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and after his marriage rented a small house near his father, but over the county line in Lehigh County. In 1790 he bought a farm of 400 acres in the Shamokin Valley in Northumberland County, lived there about four years, and, selling his land, bought a farm of 200 acres in Buffalo Valley. In 1799 Jacob Lutz and a neighbor made a tour of the Northwest Territory, coming as far as Chillicothe. After that he continued to live at his old home in Pennsylvania until 1802, when he came out to Ohio to make a permanent settlement. He and his family made the entire journey overland with teams. His choice of location was in Salt Creek Township of Pickaway County. The first home of the family there was a small cabin, where they lived during the winter, but in the next spring moved into a larger house on the

east part of the farm. The widowed mother and five of her sons came with Jacob Lutz to Salt Creek Township. His industry and good judgment brought him a large success for that generation, and he was able to give land to each of his sons. His death occurred September 4, 1824. Jacob Lutz was married about 1787 to Elizabeth Demuth, of German descent.

Hon. Samuel Lutz, grandfather of Fred L., was born in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1789, and was thirteen years of age when brought to Ohio. He had many qualities which made him a natural leader and a forceful factor in this early country. He acquired a good education and for many years followed the business of surveying. He was also very successful as a farmer, acquired large tracts of land sufficient to give each of his nine children a farm. A wholesome, temperate life, filled with industry, came to a close with his death at the age of one hundred and one years and five months. In public affairs he was prominent, filled a number of positions in his home county and was several times elected a member of the State Legislature. He married Elizabeth Featherolf, who was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Their nine children were Samuel G., Harriet, Catherine, Isaac, John, Lydia, George, Mary and Rachel.

In the next generation of this interesting family is Isaac Lutz, who was born in Salt Creek Township of Pickaway County, May 10, 1823. Until he was ten years of age he spoke only the German language. An English school supplied his subsequent training, and he was quite well educated and also applied habits of industry at home. When married, his father gave him a farm in Union Township of Ross County, and there he brought his bride and started housekeeping in a hewed log house. His years were also passed with a growing increase in material wealth, and his surplus was invested in lands, not only in Union Township of Ross County, but also in Pickaway County and in the states of Iowa and Kansas. His holdings at one time amounted to nearly 2,000 acres. On the home farm in Ross County he surrounded himself with all the comforts of life, and lived there until his death, December 19, 1914, in his ninety-second year. His first wife, Mary Spangler, whom he married January 26, 1846, was born in Salt Creek Township of Pickaway County and died in 1847. On September 13, 1855, Isaac Lutz married Susan Barton. She was born at Yellowbud January 22, 1838. Her father, Levi Barton, was born at Mifflin, Pike County, Ohio, May 23, 1811, and her grandfather, John Barton was a native of Virginia, married Susan Bryan, and came to Ohio about the year 1800, being one of the pioneer settlers of Pike County. A tract of timbered land was converted by his industry into a good farm, and it remained his home until his death. Levi Barton had to make the best of limited opportunities in such schools as were found in Pike County a century or more ago. He also had an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, and on reaching his majority his father gave him a horse, saddle and bridle. With that equipment he went to Yellowbud, and set up in business as a contractor and builder. He studied architecture and always kept up with the

times. After the death of his wife he lived with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lutz, who cared for him in his old age. He married Eliza Ann Lee, who was born at Berryville, Virginia, a daughter of William and Jane Lee, who spent their lives in that old commonwealth. Eliza Ann was left an orphan and then came to Ohio to live with an aunt. She and Levi Barton reared five children, named Susan, Mary, John, George and Lida.

Mr. Fred Lutz, who was born in Union Township February 19, 1865, was one of six children, the others being Ada J., Mary Eliza, Freeman Barton, Elizabeth and Florence. He grew up on a farm, and afterwards took the management of the old homestead, which he retained until 1914. In that year he left the farm in charge of his son-in-law and moved to Green Township, where he now has one of the splendid country estates of that locality. It has excellent buildings and is conveniently located as to the road from Kingston to Chillicothe.

In 1892 Mr. Lutz married Mandane Dick, who was born in Pickaway County, daughter of Jackson and Margaret (Bolin) Dick. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz have two children, Florence Margaret and Mary Suse. The daughter Margaret is the wife of Price Ashbrook, and they have a son, Fred Lutz Ashbrook.

FRANK HOLDERMAN. One of the oldest and most prominent families of Colerain Township is represented by Frank Holderman, who has spent practically all his life on the farm that he now owns and occupies. Mr. Holderman was reared and educated in this township, and since reaching manhood has been closely identified with the farming and stock raising interests of the locality.

His birth occurred on the farm where he now lives on April 23, 1853. One of the very early settlers in the township was his grandfather, David Holderman, a native of Pennsylvania. At one time he owned and occupied a stone house located on section 2, but spent his last years in Hallsville and died there at a good old age. His four sons were Oliver, Elihu, Francis and Levi.

Elihu Holderman was born in Colerain Township April 25, 1820, and was for many years a conspicuous figure in the farming life and enterprise and good citizenship of that section of Ross County. Reared to the life of a farmer, about three years after his marriage he bought a place on section 9 of Colerain Township. It contained a log house and stable, but aside from a few acres cleared, it was almost in the condition that nature had left it. In 1860 he built a brick house, and that was only one of the evidences of his increasing prosperity. Few of his contemporaries were more successful in raising the fruits of the soil and in managing their sale and his farm more efficiently. He gradually extended his holdings as a land owner, until his ownership comprised upwards of 700 acres, all situated in Colerain Township. He lived on his home farm there until his death on July 29, 1910.

In 1845 Elihu Holderman married Mary Karshner, a daughter of Daniel and Rebecca (Flannigan) Karshner. Mrs. Elihu Holderman

died at the age of sixty-four. Her two children were Frank and Susan. The daughter Susan married Lewis K. Cryder.

Frank Holderman as a boy spent his life on his father's farm, gained an education in the district schools and learned how to apply his efforts successfully to all phases of farm management. After reaching his majority he located on one of his father's outlying farms, and operated that until 1911, when he returned to the old homestead in section 9, and has since occupied his energies with its management and has brought about some further improvement in its condition.

In January, 1873, Mr. Holderman married Matilda Reed. Mrs. Holderman was born in Hocking County, Ohio, a daughter of Alfred and Mary (Giberson) Reed, early settlers of that part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Holderman have the following children: Leota, Alda, Arrie, Stella, Howard, Charles and Guy. Leota married C. N. Clark, and their two children are Freida and Hugh. Alda married George Hinton and is the mother of three children, named Merle, Iva and Marvin. Arrie is the wife of George DeLong and has five children, Darrell, Carl, Wayne, Kenneth and Charles. Stella is the wife of Rowland Pontius, and they have one child, named Zola. Howard married Leota Waite, and has three children, Juanita, Lester and Gerald. Mrs. Holderman, the mother of these children, is an active member of the United Brethren Church.

HENRY WILLIAM ARLEDGE. Half a century ago Henry William Arledge bought the fine homestead in section 17 of Green Township which he occupies at the present time. There have been few more successful farmers in Ross County than Mr. Arledge. He began his career working at wages on farms, and with developing experience has turned his efforts to good account in almost every undertaking in which he has been engaged. He now has a splendid property, and is justly accounted one of the best-known and most highly esteemed citizens of Ross County.

He was born in Vinton County, Ohio, in 1832, and has long passed his eightieth birthday. His father, Isaac Arledge, was born in North Carolina and came with his parents to Ohio, settling in Vinton County in the very early days. Isaac Arledge made the best of his meager opportunities when a boy to obtain an education, and so successfully did he pursue his studies that he was well qualified for teaching, and taught for several years. When not teaching he was engaged in farming. He finally bought a homestead in the northwest part of Vinton County, and occupied that until his death when upwards of seventy years of age. Isaac Arledge married Mollie Morrison, who was also a native of North Carolina, and spent her last days in Vinton County, Ohio. She reared nine children, James, Susanne, Isaac, Elizabeth, Huldah, Melinda, John, Jesse and Henry William. The sons Isaac and John were both soldiers in the Union army in the Civil war.

Henry William Arledge spent his early life in Vinton County. After gaining a fair education he left home and started the battle of life as a farm laborer at monthly wages. In the fall of 1853, when he was twenty-

one years of age, he went out to Missouri and spent the winter in feeding cattle, and for six months was engaged in farming. On returning to Ohio he continued work by the month, and by much thrift and self-denial accumulated a small capital. During that time he made his first purchase of land. It was in Vinton County, and he paid 12½ cents an acre for a quarter section, or 160 acres. After keeping this land two years and making some improvements, he sold at \$1 an acre.

Since 1858 Mr. Arledge has been a resident of Ross County. Here for seven years he continued employment by the month, but then bought 141 acres in section 17, the purchase price being \$50 an acre. In a half century that land has been wonderfully improved and has increased correspondingly in value. He still lives there and it has been the center and stage of his best achievements. His farm, which is well cultivated and has a group of substantial buildings, is 2½ miles southeast of Kingston. Through his success as a farmer Mr. Arledge has reared and educated a family of ten children, has bought other tracts of land from time to time, and now has upwards of 350 acres.

In November, 1859, while still a struggling worker in the field of agricultural enterprise, he married Miss Elizabeth Huffman. She was born in Ross County, a daughter of Adam and Catherine (Polen) Huffman. Mrs. Arledge died in 1892. In 1893 he married her sister, Mrs. Mary (Huffman) Scott. Her father, Adam Huffman, was left an orphan at a very early age, and was bound out to live with a farmer in Vinton County, where he grew to manhood. After his marriage he settled in Ross County, lived there until late in life, and spent his last days near Urbana in Champaign County. His first wife, Catherine Polen, and the mother of both the Mrs. Arledges, died in 1860, at the age of forty-five. He afterwards married Elizabeth Root, who survived him. Mrs. Arledge was one of ten children: Elizabeth, Samuel, Francis, Joseph, Adam, John, Emanuel, Mary, William and Wilson. Three of the sons, Francis, Samuel and Joseph, were soldiers in the Union army. The present Mrs. Arledge first married Samuel Scott. He was born in Champaign County, Ohio, a son of William and Ruth Scott, who were either natives of Scotland or of Scotch parentage. Samuel Scott spent his early life as a farmer, but afterwards was in the real estate business at Springfield and Urbana, and died in the latter city at the age of forty-seven, leaving three children: Clifford, Frederick and Ethel.

By his first marriage Mr. Arledge had eleven children: Herschel, Catherine, Francis, Ellen, William H., Emanuel, Clara, George, Guy, Luther and Edward. The son Herschel married Vinie Barnhart, and their four children are Frederick, Ray, Grace and Arthur. Catherine married Addison Stevenson and has five children, named Mabel, Gail, Walter, George and Elizabeth. Francis married Lettie Garrett, and their children are Grace and Mary. Ellen is the wife of George Stout, and her five children are Ralph, Grover, Esther, Goldie and Elizabeth. Emanuel, by his marriage to Ellen Fry, has the following children: Maude, Walter, Ernest, Roland, Mary. Clara married Earl Carmean, and at her death left two children, Olie and Bertha. George married

Emma Ginther, and has five children: Nellie, Russell, Lucy, George and William. Guy married Annie Ginther, and their five children are Richard, Nettie, Edith, Tillie and Joseph. Luther married Flora Smith, and their children are Mervin, Bernice, Ralph. Edward, the youngest child, married Grace Reed, and their children are Leona, Merle, Carl, Paul. Thus, besides his large family of children, Mr. Arledge is surrounded by grandchildren to the number of forty or more. Mrs. Arledge by her first marriage to Mr. Scott also has grandchildren. Clifford Scott married Annie Reed; Fred Scott married Belle Vest and has a daughter, Mary Edna; and Ethel Scott married Clarence Moore, and their three children are Madge and Agnes, twins, and Scott. Mr. and Mrs. Arledge are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JESSE JONES. One of the oldest and most substantial families of Ross County is represented by Jesse Jones, who has had a long and useful career in farming and who looks after an extensive acreage in Green Township, both as a manager and as an owner.

Mr. Jones was born in Harrison Township of Ross County June 26, 1859. One of the pioneers of Harrison Township was his grandfather, Abel Jones, who came when that part of the county was in all its wilderness condition. Acquiring a tract of timbered land, he gave his energies to its clearing and cultivation until his death. John W. Jones, father of Jesse, was born in Harrison Township of Ross County in 1827. When he was a boy there were no public schools in Ohio, and he attended such schools as were maintained by community co-operation and by subscription. Many other affairs were conducted in a very primitive style. His mother did all the cooking by the open fireplace, and wool and flax were grown, which the housewives carded and spun and made into cloth, from which were fashioned the garments worn by members of the family. John W. Jones grew up to a life of usefulness and honor. He succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead, and many years ago erected there a hewed log house which was 1½ stories high and at that time was considered one of the best homesteads in the township. In May, 1864, he enlisted for service in Company D of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Infantry, and was out for 100 days, going to Virginia and taking part in several battles and skirmishes before receiving his honorable discharge. After the war he resumed farming and cultivated the homestead until his death. John W. Jones married Sarah Leasure, who was born in Colerain Township of Ross County and likewise represented a family of pioneers. Her father, Thomas Leasure, was born near Bedford, Pennsylvania, and about 1814 came to Ohio, making the entire journey across the country with wagon and team. He located in Colerain Township and was there when its population was very sparse and when few improvements had been made. He himself improved a tract of land originally a wilderness and lived there until his death. Thomas Leasure married Hannah Luckhart, who survived her husband and attained the great age of one hundred years two months and two days. Both she and her husband are now at rest in

the Leasure Cemetery. Before coming out to Ohio, Thomas Leasure had fought as an American soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. John W. Jones reared seven children: Hannah, Silas A., Nancy, David W., Jesse, Margaret and Thomas W.

Jesse Jones spent the first twenty-one years of his life on his father's farm, in the meantime getting a practical training in farming, and also attending the district schools. He worked by the month for a time, and then rented a small farm, and finally rented and became manager of the well-known Dresbach farm, which was later owned by Cyrus F. Pontius. Upon the death of Mr. Pontius, Mr. Jones became trustee of his estate, and has since managed the farm as trustee. In 1912 he bought a tract of sixty acres about a mile south of Kingston, has improved it with some substantial buildings, and his family now live there.

In 1884 Mr. Jones married Ida B. Luckhart. She was born in Colerain Township of Ross County, a daughter of Nelson L. and Mary (Strawser) Luckhart. Nelson Luckhart was born in Colerain Township, a son of John Luckhart, a native of Pennsylvania, who had settled in Colerain Township among the pioneers, and developed a tract of timbered land which he bought in the east part of the township, until it comprised a very comfortable farm. That was his home until his death at the age of seventy-six. Nelson Luckhart grew up on that homestead, and began his independent career as a renter. After his marriage he located on the Strawser homestead, in section 22, and continued general farming until his death at the age of sixty-eight. His wife, Mary Strawser, was born in Colerain Township, a daughter of John and Hannah (Cutshaw) Strawser. Mrs. Luckhart now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have a son, Clarence F. His early education was acquired in the rural schools, and later he attended the Kingston High School. Much of his active career has been spent in teaching, and he made his mark in that work. In 1907 he taught his first term in the Pleasant Grove District, and remained there two years. Following that he took a commercial course at Columbus, and then resumed teaching at Sulphur Lake for one term, spent another three-year period at Pleasant Grove, then taught one term in the grammar school of Kinnikinick, and has since been engaged in farming in association with his father. Clarence Jones was elected a justice of the peace in 1912, serving one year, and in 1913 was elected township trustee and re-elected in 1915. He is a member of Lodge No. 419, Knights of Pythias, and is past and present grand chancellor of that lodge. He married Florence Richter.

JOHN H. WEST. It is no small distinction to have lived ninety-two years. When the living of so many years is accompanied by good works, honorable achievement, integrity and probity of character, such a life counts for a great deal. Recently John H. West of Green Township in Ross County celebrated his ninety-first birthday. He has a host of recollections and associations covering more than three-quarters of a

century. He has also established a worthy line of progeny, and he is now a great-grandfather.

His life began at Newmarket in Frederick County, Maryland, December 20, 1825. His father John West was born at Mount Airy in Frederick County, Maryland, and his grandfather Charles West at one time owned and operated two farms including the site of Mount Airy. Charles West was a tobacco planter, but in later years turned his attention largely to the cultivation of fruit. John West in his youth served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade and was first in business for himself at Newmarket and afterwards at Fredericktown. As was the custom of the times, much of his work was done in an itinerant manner. He visited all the plantations in his section, carrying his tools with him, and employed his skill in putting all the farm implements in the best of order. Late in life he moved to the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, five miles west of Fredericktown, and in those peaceful and beautiful surroundings spent his last days. The maiden name of his wife was Annie Sayne. They reared nine children: Upton, Mary Ann, Susanne, Joseph, John H., William, Dennis, Isabel and Henry.

While growing up near Fredericktown, Maryland, John S. West was a witness of some of the beginnings which have transformed modern civilization. In 1835 when a boy of ten years of age he rode on the first engine owned and operated by the old Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. This engine was built in 1832 and more than eighty years later, in 1914, it was exhibited during the carnival at Chillicothe. Probably Mr. West at that time was the only one who had witnessed it when it was first in operation drawing a few primitive cars along a wooden track in the East. Again Mr. West was invited to ride on the engine and he delivered an interesting address to the assembled audience, telling them what he knew of the early history of the Baltimore & Ohio road.

When he was sixteen he left his father's home and went to Harper's Ferry, where in 1841 he assisted in building a bridge across the Potomac River. From Harper's Ferry he crossed the Alleghenies to Charleston, West Virginia, and served an apprenticeship in the woodworking department of a wagon factory. Having completed his apprenticeship his first location was at Leestown, where he served out his term in learning the blacksmith's trade.

It was in 1850 that Mr. West first came to Chillicothe, Ohio. Up to that time his highest salary had been \$3 a month and board. He liked the situation of Chillicothe and determined to make his work there at least for several years. He called upon a Mr. Hitchins, the principal blacksmith of the town, and offered to work a month for his board. His services were accepted, and at the end of the month Mr. Hitchins presented him with \$12 in cash and offered him permanent employment. However, this was not in line with his ambitious plans. He had the enterprise and the skill but lacked capital. Another blacksmith in town offered to sell him his tools and goodwill for \$100. In the meantime he had gained the confidence and friendship of a number of local citizens, and a young man named George Fells had \$50 in capital while a brother

Odd Fellow, who was then in the tailoring business, offered to lend Mr. West \$50. Thus was started and established the firm of West & Fells. At that time Chillicothe had no railroad, but was the flourishing center of diverging routes over which thirty-five stage lines traveled, and that made Chillicothe the equivalent of a great railroad center of modern times. The firm of West & Fells soon contracted for the shoeing of the horses and the making of repairs on the stage coaches and carried on a very prosperous business.

In 1860 Mr. West sold his share in the business to his brother and bought a farm in Green Township. He was engaged in general farming there until 1884, when leaving his son in charge he moved out to Clark County, Illinois, purchasing 321 acres of land. For the next eleven years he was a farmer and stock raiser in Illinois, but in 1895 returned to his old place in Green Township of Ross County and has lived there in prosperity and ease for the last twenty years.

In 1852 Mr. West married Mary Carmean, who was born in Scioto Township of Ross County and who died in 1853, the year following her marriage. For his second wife Mr. West married her sister, Martha Carmean, who was born in Scioto Township July 30, 1836. Her father, Judge Carmean, was born in Frederick County, Maryland, a son of John Carmean, a native of the same state. John Carmean was a pioneer of Ross County, Ohio, came in the very early days, accompanied by his wife and some seven or eight children, and by several other families. The journey was made across the mountains and through Eastern Ohio by wagon and team. A cart carried all the household possessions of the Carmean family and at night they camped out by the roadside. They were early settlers in Pickaway County, where John Carmean secured land and improved a farm. He and his wife Nancy are both buried in the Salem churchyard. The father of Mrs. West was seven or eight years of age when brought to Ohio. At that time all the country was a wilderness, and the settlers secured their meat almost entirely from the wild game that filled the forest. No railroads were here for a number of years, and there were no convenient markets. Those who had cleared land and raised crops shipped the surplus grain down the rivers on flat boats. After his marriage Mrs. West's father settled in Scioto Township and engaged his time in the clearing and tilling of the soil there. Mrs. West's mother was Mary Dehaven, who was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Harmon Dehaven, who moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1805 and improved a farm in Green Township. The maiden name of his wife was Magdalene Gearhart. Both are buried in the White Church cemetery. Mrs. West's mother was a typical pioneer housewife. She learned to cook by the open fire, also carded and spun and wove the cloth used for the family clothing. To vary the color of this cloth she used walnut hulls to make a brown tint and apple tree bark for a yellow color.

Mr. and Mrs. West reared a fine family of children. Two of their sons, John M. and Jesse, both died at the age of twenty-two. Irene May married Charles W. May and lives at Crockett, Houston County, Texas,

and their two daughters are Grace and Essie. Grace May is the wife of Peter M. Jensen and has a son named Charles A. Mary, the second oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. West, married Seymour Shanton and they live in Green Township of Ross County, their three children being Gaylord, Ronald and Marthena. Zorah, the third child, married Charles Elder, who is now deceased, and Mrs. Elder has taken a homestead in Scott County, Arkansas. Pearl, the fourth child, married Mary Ebenback, and their two sons are Arthur and Ralph. Of these Arthur West, grandson of Mr. John H. West, married Marie Hutchins, and their son is named John Arthur; while Ralph, another grandson of Mr. West, married Anna Belle Denton, and has a son Robert. This child Robert in 1916 had living one grandfather, two grandmothers, two great-grandfathers and two great-grandmothers. Olive, the fifth of Mr. and Mrs. West's children, married Jacob Daster and has two children named Genevieve and Marjorie. Martha, the youngest, is still living at home with her venerable parents.

Mr. and Mrs. West are among the very oldest members of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church at Chillicothe. Mrs. West joined the church at the age of thirteen and Mr. West has been a member since 1850. In early manhood in 1847, he also became affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has kept up his affiliations ever since.

WILLIAM R. DAILY. Scioto Township in Ross County has no more progressive and energetic farmer than William R. Daily. Mr. Daily was trained to farming as a boy, has made it a real business and has not only cultivated his fields with a maximum of return, but has been both a careful and judicious buyer and seller.

He was born in Seal Township of Pike County, Ohio, November 17, 1858. His grandfather was a native of Virginia and one of the early settlers in Pike County. His father, Ralph Daily, who was also born in Pike County, grew up on a farm and made agriculture the basis of his life's pursuit. He lived a long and useful career and died in the eighty-seventh year of his life. His wife was Emily J. Cross. She died at the age of sixty-seven, having reared the following children: Catherine H., Mary Jane, Susan, John, Charles, Maria, Hannah, Daniel and William R. Another child, the first, died in infancy.

Such opportunities as came for education and training in early youth William R. Daily wisely improved, and in addition to the district schools, he attended the Piketon High School. After years had matured his strength and given him some experience, he was associated with his father and brother in farming for a couple of years. Mr. Daily then rented the Sargent farm in Seal Township of Pike County, but in 1890 removed to Ross County and located on the Massie land in Scioto Township. Since then for a period of more than a quarter of a century he has successfully cultivated a large farm there, and is now operating 350 acres.

In 1885 Mr. Daily married Mary Landrum. They lived happily together for more than fifteen years, and Mrs. Daily died in 1901. For his second wife Mr. Daily married Emma Breunig. She was born in

Cincinnati, and her father, Herman Marauth, was born in Germany, located in Cincinnati on coming to America, and died there when Mrs. Daily was only two years of age. Her mother, whose maiden name was Caroline Weekly, afterwards married Mr. Breunig, and Mrs. Daily took the name Breunig and was known as Emma Breunig until her marriage.

By his first wife Mr. Daily had eight children, named May, Claude, Edwin, Parker, Merle, Hazel, Robert and Edna. There is one daughter by the second marriage, Beatrice Geneva. Of his older children, his daughter May is the wife of Edward Cook, and they have a daughter named Helen. The son Claude married Lona Sanger. Edwin married Minnie Broft, and his three children are May, Dolorie and Edwin.

GEORGE W. FRY. One of the old and honorable families of Ohio bears the name Fry, and it was founded in Vinton County by the grandfather of Prof. George W. Fry, a representative citizen of Ross County, now a prominent resident of Richmond Dale. Grandfather Fry was a native of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. He and his family assisted in the early development of Vinton County and made honorable names for themselves among the pioneers of that time. He served in the War of 1812.

George W. Fry, who has spent a large portion of his useful life in the educational field, was born January 8, 1838, in Vinton County, Ohio. His parents were Isaac and Hannah (Wyatt) Fry. The father was born in 1812 near Chillicothe, Ohio, but was reared near McArthur in Vinton County, to which place his parents moved in 1816. He was occupied during life in the pursuits of agriculture. In 1831 he was married to Hannah Wyatt, who was born in Vinton County, and in 1841 they moved to Jackson County and there passed the rest of their lives. They were the parents of a vigorous family of eleven children, seven of these still surviving.

The early education of George W. Fry was secured in the primitive log schoolhouse that was near his father's farm. He was yet young when he was permitted to teach in the district school, his first certificate bearing the date of December 5, 1857. He took a course in Gilmer's Academy, at Jackson, Ohio, and afterward alternated going to school and teaching until 1864, when he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a private in Company K, Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served until the close of the war and was honorably discharged October 9, 1865. In the state militia in 1863 he served as first lieutenant, Company I, First Regiment, Jackson County, when General Morgan made his spectacular raids in Ohio.

After his military life closed, Mr. Fry returned to Ohio and resumed his educational work, in 1894 receiving a life certificate through a state examination. Keeping thoroughly abreast with the times, Professor Fry for many years afterward continued an important factor in the teaching field, continuing active until 1913. In his fifty years' teaching he has been the principal of schools of Berlin and Wellston in Jackson County, Ohio; Hamden and Zaleski in Vinton County, Ohio; Wheelersburg in Scioto County, Ohio; Frankfort, Adelphi, Bainbridge, and

Richmond Dale in Ross County, Ohio. In addition he has also taught rural and select schools. He was appointed school examiner of Jackson County in 1872 and served under three appointments. He visited the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1876, the Cotton Exposition at New Orleans in 1885, the Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893, the St. Louis Exposition in 1904, and the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, Oregon, in 1905, and also visited various points in the Pacific States, including Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa grove of big trees. Mr. Fry has been in thirty-two states and the District of Columbia.

Although independent in his political affiliation, he has frequently been called on by his fellow citizens to serve in responsible positions. He was township clerk of Milton Township for some years, at present is a notary public and for almost thirteen years has been a justice of the peace.

On March 8, 1866, Professor Fry was married to Miss Minerva Phillips, who died April 21, 1868, leaving one son, Charles, who is now a resident of California. On March 30, 1887, Professor Fry was married to Miss Ella M. Feurt, who was born in Scioto County, Ohio. Mrs. Fry was a popular teacher at that time, holding a state certificate, for life, and was well known in educational circles. They have one daughter, Georgia, residing at home. Professor Fry and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are hospitably inclined and their many friends find a welcome in their beautiful home at Richmond Dale. Professor Fry belongs to Fenton Post No. 316, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is chaplain, and to Adelphi Lodge No. 527, Free and Accepted Masons.

O. E. SIGLER. It is as the owner and operator of one of the finest farms in Jefferson Township that O. E. Sigler is best known. For thirty years or more he has devoted all his time and energies to farming, and is a man who possesses to an unusual degree the faculty of being able to get along well in the world. While the activities of home and farm have always kept him busy, he has not neglected the public welfare and has given some capable service in public office.

His farm consists of four hundred acres of timber and grazing land. His homestead is located a quarter mile east of Richmond Dale on the Jackson Road. It was on that farm that he was born November 18, 1862, a son of George and Elizabeth (Deshler) Sigler. On both sides he represents some of the early stock of Southern Ohio. His father, George, was born on an adjoining farm in Ross County, March 7, 1832. The Grandfather John Sigler was also a native of Ross County. The Siglers before coming to America were German people and in the old country the name was spelled Ziegler. They first located in Pennsylvania, and from there came to Ohio. Elizabeth Deshler, mother of O. E. Sigler, was born near Athens in the Ohio county of that name on June 21, 1834. Her father was Christopher Deshler. She was visiting in Ross County when she met George Sigler and their acquaintance ripened into affection and eventually they married. They first located on a small part of

what is now the Sigler homestead. George Sigler was a carpenter by trade, and until he owned sufficient land to require his entire attention he followed his trade, but the last twenty-five years of his life were spent on the farm. He prospered, and in many ways was one of Ross County's leading citizens. He was one of the most active workers in the Methodist Church of his community. He and his wife had three children, and Mr. O. E. Sigler is the only one now living. The oldest was Emily Luella, who died when six or eight years of age. The youngest, Effie D., was born in 1872 and died in 1889.

Mr. O. E. Sigler, while living at home on the farm, attended the district schools and laid the foundation of a substantial education. Since early manhood his enterprise has been directed along the line of operating the mill by which he and his father for many years worked up some of their own timber and did custom work for their neighbors, and in season he ground feed meal and managed home affairs in a general way. He is one of the men who has made himself a helpful factor in Ross County. Since early youth he has been a member of the Methodist Church, and is one of the official board of his home church. For the past four years he has held the office of township treasurer, and has been quite active in republican politics.

By a former marriage Mr. Sigler is the father of two children: Miriam, wife of Leon Brant of Wakefield, Ohio; Florence, wife of Frank Kelley of Circleville, Ohio.

On July 4, 1907, Mr. Sigler married, for his present wife, Miss Anna Laura Kinney. She was born in Vinton County, Ohio, a daughter of Perry and Ann (Walker) Kinney. Her father was born in Jackson Township of Vinton County, February 25, 1847, and was of Scotch descent, while his wife, Ann Walker, was of combined Irish and English stock. Ann Walker's father was born in England, and was brought, when eight years of age, to Maryland and he subsequently became a settler in Muskingum County, Ohio, and from there moved to Vinton County. Mrs. Sigler, who is the oldest of her parents' ten children now living, grew up in Vinton County near Eagle Mills, and by attendance at the district school and by home study prepared herself for work as teacher. She first taught in Friendsville, Blount County, Tennessee, and remained there thirty months. Returning to Ohio she took a normal course at Chillicothe in 1901, and for two years taught in Scioto Township. She accepted her next school in Richmond Dale, and during the two years spent there she became acquainted with her future husband. Afterward she became matron of the Home for Friendless Girls at Columbus, Ohio, resigning her position to marry Mr. Sigler. Mr. and Mrs. Sigler have one daughter, Elizabeth Lorraine, who was born August 30, 1909, and is now in school.

HIRAM E. BROWN. One of the oldest homesteads in Greene Township is that occupied by Hiram E. Brown, who was born on the place where he still resides, had it as the scene of his early associations, and later as the stage of his material activities as a farmer and stockman.

He is one of the most honored and respected citizens of that portion of Ross County.

He was born there July 19, 1878. His father, Hiram E. Brown, Sr., was born in Springfield Township of Ross County and the grandparents were among the earliest settlers in that locality. The father grew up on a farm and lived in Springfield Township until 1842. He then identified himself with the westward movement, and set out for the territory of Iowa. In that early year there were practically no railroads west of the Allegheny Mountains, and his journey beyond the Mississippi was accomplished by wagon and team. His little family accompanied him and there were many incidents and adventures which have been handed down as part of the family tradition. In Iowa everything was new and primitive. Nearly all the land was still owned by the government and could be had by settlers at a dollar and a quarter an acre. Hiram Brown, Sr., bought some land in Des Moines County, but after a year on that portion of the western frontier sold out and returned to Ross County. Here he bought the land in Green Township where his son and namesake now resides. The land when he first occupied it had among its few improvements a log cabin that had previously been used for a stable. The building had no floor, and he carpeted it, with straw, and thus provided something in the way of a comfortable habitation for the family during their first winter. His work as an axman in clearing away the forest began as soon as he purchased the land and had settled his family, and as a result of his labors continued year after year he improved the greater part of the 300 acres and erected some very substantial buildings, some of which are still standing. Hiram E. Brown, Sr., died in 1885. He was three times married. His third wife, the mother of Hiram E. Brown, Jr., was Sarah Andrews. She was born at Waverly, Pike County, Ohio, and died at the age of forty-nine, leaving five children, named William, Norah Blanche, Hiram E., Pearl, and May. By his first marriage the father reared one daughter, named Sarah J., and there were two daughters by his second union, Ida and Anna.

Reared in Ross County, Hiram E. Brown had such education as the district schools could afford, but his real preparation for manhood came in performing as strength permitted the duties of the household. He lived with his mother, and succeeded to the ownership of the old place, and for years has profitably conducted it as a farm and as a place to raise stock.

On March 18, 1903, Mr. Brown married Maude Blaine Dearth. She was born in Vinton County, Ohio, a daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Allen) Dearth. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two children, Hiram E., and Thelma Mae. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church.

EDWIN E. SPENCE has been identified with the farming interests of Ross and Pickaway counties for a quarter of a century, and has made something more than a local reputation as a breeder of thoroughbred

livestock. He has one of the very fine farms in Greene Township of Ross County and is a citizen whose ability in business affairs and strict probity are factors for good in any locality.

He was born near Vernon, Kent County, Delaware, November 12, 1861. His grandfather, Elias Spence, owned and operated a farm in Kent County and probably spent all his life there. He married a Miss Graham. Emory Spence, father of Edwin E., was also born in Kent County, Delaware, in 1835, grew up on a farm, and after some years as a farmer died, at the early age of thirty-five, in 1869. The maiden name of his wife was Anna E. Smith, who was born in Delaware. Her father, Col. John Wesley Smith, commanded a Delaware regiment in the Union army, but aside from his war service was a farmer in Delaware throughout his career. Mr. Spence's mother, after the death of Emory Spence, married again and now lives near Hobbs, Maryland. Edwin E. Spence has a sister, Alice, who is the wife of Harry Pickett of Philadelphia, while another sister, Anna, married B. T. Steedars of Maryland. His only brother, William, lives in Champaign County, Ohio.

Reared on a farm in Kent County, Delaware, Edwin E. Spence when not in school was busied with the varied responsibilities about the home farm. In 1887 he came to Ohio, and for several years was employed in farming in Ross County. After his marriage he moved to Pickaway County and rented land for several years. Mr. Spence had the foresight and good judgment to recognize that the best profits in farming lies in the raising of first class stock. He soon made a start on a modest scale in the breeding of Poland China hogs. In 1901 he introduced Shorthorn cattle and the distinctive part of his record has been concerned with the breeding and handling of livestock. Mr. Spence continued his operations as a stockman in Jackson Township of Pickaway County until 1908, when he returned to Ross County and located on the Kellenberger farm in Green Township. Since then he has worked up a large business in the breeding of swine, cattle and poultry.

On February 18, 1886, Mr. Spence married Jessie Goldsberry, who was born in Deerfield Township of Ross County. Her father, George W. Goldsberry, was born in Concord Township, a son of Jeremiah and Ann (Plyley) Goldsberry, who were pioneers in that locality of Ross County. George W. Goldsberry married Mary J. Crumpton, who was born in Sussex County, Delaware, a daughter of Jonathan and Ann (Graham) Crumpton, who came to Ross County as early as 1833, locating in Union Township.

Mr. and Mrs. Spence have always taken a very active part in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he has served as superintendent of its Sunday school and as recording steward.

CHARLES GOODMAN. The rewards of a long and useful life have come to Charles Goodman, who recently celebrated his eightieth birthday. These fourscore years have been lived in Ross County, and his own achievements and character have been in keeping with the splendid

record maintained by the Goodman family in this country for more than a century.

It was several years before the close of the eighteenth century, and when Ohio was included in the great Northwest Territory, that his ancestors first came to Ross County and settled in what is now Green Township. His great-grandmother, Catherine (Gouger) Goodman, was the first white woman who is definitely known to have come within the limits of Ross County. She was born in New Jersey in 1732, went as a child with her parents to the wilds of Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and when a young girl she and a younger brother were stolen by the Indians. Her brother was cruelly murdered, but she was kept and well treated by the Indians, though retained as a captive for five years. During that time her captors remained in camp in what is now Ross County, and years afterward she recognized the place when she returned to Ross County to make it her permanent home. Afterward she spent three years in Canada with some French traders and was then released and returned to Pennsylvania. In the meantime her father had been slain by the Indians and her mother had disappeared, and she lived with friends until her marriage. She married George Goodman, great-grandfather of Charles Goodman. George Goodman was a native of Germany and had come to America in pioneer times settling in Berks County, Pennsylvania. After his death Catherine Goodman moved with her son John to Ohio, and lived there until her death in 1801. Her remains were laid to rest on her son's farm in Green Township, and quite recently her great-grandchildren erected a monument to mark the site. John Goodman, grandfather of Charles Goodman, was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and about 1797 came to Ross County and selected land in Green Township. He afterward built a commodious house and used it for purposes of an inn. It was an early hostelry which entertained a host of travelers in early days, and among them some noted personages, including President Monroe and General Hull. There John Goodman died in 1830, and his wife, whose maiden name was Charlotte Shoch, also a native of Pennsylvania, passed away in 1825.

Daniel Goodman, father of Charles, was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and was only an infant when his parents moved to Ohio. He grew in the midst of such means and environments as belonged to the western frontier. He had Indians as playmates, and all the wild animals of the forest were around the little home in which he spent his childhood. Neither railroads nor canals were built through this part of Ohio until after he was grown. For some years he and his brother, David, whose descendants are also found in Ross County, were in the transportation business, taking produce from the Scioto, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans, where they sold their cargo and also the flatboats, and then returned north by such means as they could avail themselves of. They also took cattle and hogs across the mountains to Philadelphia and New York markets. At that time corn sold in the home markets for from twelve to eighteen cents a bushel. Daniel Good-

man was a very successful trader, farmer and business man, invested heavily in local real estate, and at one time owned more than a thousand acres in Greene Township. His death occurred at the age of seventy years. Daniel Goodman married Elizabeth Charles. Her father, Jacob Charles, was among the pioneer settlers of Green Township and improved land just east of the Goodman estate, where he lived until his death. His remains are now at rest in the Crouse Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Goodman reared a family of twelve children: Harriet, John, Jeremiah, Josiah, Daniel, Charles, Elizabeth, James, Alfred, Sarah, Nancy E., and Samuel.

One of this large family of children, Charles Goodman, was born in Green Township of Ross County, February 15, 1836. Andrew Jackson was still president of the United States when he was born. He has witnessed all the remarkable transformations and improvements recorded during the fourscore years and he has witnessed improvement in transportation from the canal boat to the flying machine. The first school he attended was held in a log house, and he submitted himself to the primitive curriculum taught the boys and girls of that time. He also exercised his growing strength in such tasks as were assigned to him at home, and grew up to a useful and vigorous manhood. After the age of twenty one he worked in his father's employ for a time at monthly wages, and at the death of his father received a hundred acres of land. He has been steadily identified with agriculture and stock raising in Greene Township for half a century or more, and now has a place of 200 acres, one of the best homesteads in that township.

In 1876 he married Elizabeth Garrett, who was born in Ross County and is a sister of Silas Garrett, under whose name more details concerning the Garrett family history will be found. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman have reared three children: Sarah, Floyd, and Florence. Mrs. Goodman and her daughter, Florence, are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Goodman and his son are affiliated with Chillicothe Lodge No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons.

OLIVER NEWTON GRIMES. While Ross County is one of the oldest agricultural sections of the state, it is not behind hand in the introduction of modern equipment and apparatus for the working of the land. In this county may be found some of the most progressive farmers in America. One of them is Oliver Newton Grimes, who lives in Green Township, and finds both pleasure and profit in adapting modern ways and implements to his business.

The farm which he now owns and occupies is the place where Mr. Grimes was born February 15, 1865. The Grimes family has been identified with Ross County more than a century. His grandfather John Grimes was born in Pennsylvania, probably of Scotch-Irish ancestry. From Pennsylvania he removed to Maryland, and in 1810 set out with wagon drawn by a four-horse team for the western country of Ohio. The family located in Chillicothe, and grandfather John Grimes spent the rest of his days in Ross County. John Grimes, Jr., father of

Oliver Newton, was born in Maryland December 15, 1794, and was in his sixteenth year when he came to Chillicothe with his parents.

In that old settlement he found employment at different kinds of work until 1812, when he regularly enlisted in the army for service during the War of 1812, and was with the troops until the expiration of his service. He was a true pioneer. For many years after he came to Ross County there were no railroads, and he was one of those who engaged in the primitive transportation of the time, driving a stage carrying both mail and passengers to Circleville. He also entered Government land in Madison County, and bought 120 acres of heavily timbered land in the Scioto Valley in Green Township of Ross County. When he married in 1818 he and his bride began housekeeping on the Green Township farm, and their first home was a house of hewed logs. They had one of the few homes in that community at the time. All around them was a virtual wilderness, filled with wolves, turkeys, and other kinds of wild game. His first wife did all her cooking by a fire-place and also spun and wove the cloth used for dressing her family in homespun. After locating in Green Township John Grimes began the heavy task of clearing and cultivating his land, and like his son he was very progressive and readily adapted himself to changing conditions. The first wheat crops he raised were cut with the hand sickle, and later with a cradle. In the absence of threshing machines the grain was spread on a floor and trampled out by horses. John Grimes was one of the first men to operate a threshing machine in this section of Ohio. The old threshers were all operated by horse power. As new machinery came in he bought his share of it and always kept his farm equipped with the latest implements. He was both a farmer and stock raiser, and by various additions to his estate he owned at one time upwards of 500 acres and was also known to have considerable money in the bank. The death of this honored old time pioneer occurred in October, 1871.

His marriage in 1818 was to Elizabeth Hasselton. She became the mother of twelve children, only one of whom is now living, named James. She died about 1842. For his second wife John Grimes married Mrs. Jemima (Weaver) Schriver. At her death she left two children. For his third wife John Grimes married Nancy Weaver, a sister of his second wife. Her children were named Sarah, Susan, John, Martha, Douglas, Ransom, Oliver N. and Belle. The mother of these children survived her husband many years and passed away in 1903.

Oliver Newton Grimes, the son of his father's third wife, was about three years of age when his father died. After that he lived with his mother and assisted in the work of the home farm until he was twenty-one. In the meantime he had acquired an education in the local schools. Starting out for himself he rented land, but after five years bought the old homestead, where he now owns 279 acres and for many years has been extensively engaged in general farming and stockraising. His farm has excellent buildings, is well stocked, and equipped with all the modern improvements. Mr. Grimes is one of the few farmers in this section of

Ohio who employ a tractor in working the fields, and he uses that for plowing his land.

On September 15, 1896, Mr. Grimes married Ida Gottman, who was born in Ross County, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gottman. Mr. and Mrs. Grimes are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are the parents of a son and daughter, Olive Dale and Sarabel.

AUGUSTUS SANTO. At Adelphi is the home of one of the oldest living native sons of Ross County, Augustus Santo, who for many years was in active business pursuits, but is now living retired enjoying the fruits of a well spent career.

Mr. Santo was born in Chillicothe, November 16, 1837. His father, Alexander Santo, was born in Baden, Germany, and he and two of his brothers, George and Simon, came to America. His brother, George, settled in Iowa and Simon located at Nauvoo, Illinois, when that was the headquarters for the Mormons. While living in his native land, Alexander Santo learned the butcher's trade, and then in 1831 set out for America in a sailing vessel. Six weeks after embarking he was landed in New York, and from there went by ocean and gulf to New Orleans. He came up the Mississippi River as far as Natchez, Mississippi, and after a short stay there proceeded on his way up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to Portsmouth, Ohio. From there he started through the woods and came to his real destination in America, Chillicothe, which was then a very small town, completely isolated except by river and rough highways. He engaged in the butchering business at Chillicothe until 1862 when he removed to Springfield Township of Ross County, where he had previously purchased 520 acres of land at \$1.25 per acre. Thenceforward his active energies were devoted to the clearing and cultivation of this land, and after three years he passed away at the age of fifty-seven. Alexander Santo married Sophia Ringwolt. She was born in Germany, and had come with her brothers and sisters to America. She survived her husband and died at the age of seventy-two. Her six children were: Laura, now deceased; Sophia and Caroline, both widows living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Augustus; and William and John, both of whom are deceased.

Augustus Santo received his early education in the public schools of Chillicothe. However, it was not a real public school which he first attended but one kept in a log building on Park Street, and conducted on the subscription plan, each scholar paying \$1.50 a month tuition. Even when he was a schoolboy he was assisting his father in the butcher business, and later worked at the trade for other parties in Chillicothe. Finally leaving Chillicothe he moved to Adelphi, and for fifteen years was employed by Augustus Rose, and then set up a business for himself. He made a splendid success both as a meat dealer and in the buying and handling of live stock, and a few years ago retired with an ample competence for his remaining years.

In 1869 Mr. Santo married Rose Ann Withrow, who was born at

Adelphi, a daughter of John and Louisa (Bickley) Withrow. Mrs. Santo died in 1910. She was the second wife of Mr. Santo. His first marriage was to Louisa Rollman, a native of Chillicothe. There are two children of this marriage, Frank Edward and Lula. The daughter is now a trained nurse living in Chicago. Frank Edward, who is a commercial traveler living at Toledo, is married and has three children, William S., Mamie, and Irene. William S., the grandson of Mr. Augustus Santo, is married and has a daughter, Lucile, who is a great-grandchild.

WILLIAM GINTHER. After half a century of hard and honest toil, mingled with good judgment and strict probity in all his dealings, William Ginther finds himself the possessor of a splendid estate, with homestead in Green Township. In the course of his active lifetime he has contributed a great deal to the improvement of Ross County, and has always had the reputation of sterling citizenship, and represents one of the stanch and sturdy families of German origin that established themselves in this section of Southern Ohio more than three quarters of a century ago.

He was born in Germany, August 21, 1836, a son of Andrew Ginther. The grandfather died in Germany, but the grandmother subsequently accompanied her children to America, locating in the northern part of Pike County, Ohio, where she lived to attain the great age of ninety-nine years. Her three children were: Andrew, John, and Fred, all of whom came to America with her. Fred and John settled in Huntington Township of Ross County, and lived there until their death. Andrew Ginther was reared and educated in Germany, married there, and in 1840, accompanied by wife and three children, by his mother and two brothers, set out for America. They crossed the ocean on a sailing vessel, which was then almost the only mode of transportation across the Atlantic, and from New York made their way by rail and canal as far as Pittsburgh and thence by river boat down the Ohio to Portsmouth. From Portsmouth they journeyed north over the canal to Waverly. On reaching their destination the grandmother bought thirty acres of land, which had a few acres cleared and a log cabin as its chief improvement. That was the first home of the family in Ross County, and Andrew Ginther lived there with his mother during her last years and succeeded to the ownership of the place, which in turn he occupied until his death in 1891 at the age of seventy-nine years, fifteen days. Andrew Ginther married Razey Gader, who died at the age of seventy-eight. She was the mother of five sons and five daughters, and the two now living are William and his brother Fred, whose home is in Huntington Township of Ross County.

A child of four years when the family came to America, William Ginther has among his earliest recollections the old homestead which by the efforts of his father and uncles gradually emerged from the wilderness. While attending such schools as were maintained in the community, he also assisted in the work of the farm, and contributed

his support to the family, his family receiving all of his wages until he was twenty-one years of age. He then worked out by the month until 1863, when he bought a tract of land in Huntington Township, the purchase price being \$535.00. This land had a log cabin, and he moved his family into that humble home in 1864. Most of the farm had not yet been cleared, and while clearing it he converted much of the heavy growth into hoop poles. At that time Chillicothe was a center for cooperage industry, and hoop poles found a ready sale there. By working hard from the beginning to the end of every year Mr. Ginther accumulated a modest capital, and in 1888 he bought 303 acres of the fertile Scioto River bottoms in fractional section 3 of Green Township. There he embarked in a remunerative business as a general farmer and stock raiser, and along those lines has accomplished his chief success. From time to time he has bought other lands, and besides his homestead in Green Township he owns a farm on Deer Creek in North and South Union Township, and another place in Pickaway Township of Pickaway County. His total holdings now aggregate 700 acres.

In 1863 Mr. Ginther married Margaret Lamenshamer, who was born in Germany and a year later was brought to this country by the parents, who settled in Ohio. Mrs. Ginther died in 1890. Mr. Ginther and family are members of Crouse Chapel of the Reformed Church. To their marriage were born four children: Henry, George, Annie, and Emma. The daughter Annie married Guy Arledge, and their five children are Richard, Nettie, Edith, Tillie, and Joseph. Emma married George Arledge and also has five children, Nellie, Russell, Lucy, George and William. The son Henry died at the age of thirty-four, leaving his widow, Mary (Gardner) Ginther, and a daughter, Matilda. George married Clara Stahl, and his two children are Fred and Ethel, Fred being married and having a child who is William Ginther's great-grandson.

ROBERT SWINEHART is one of the older members of the legal profession in Ross County, and for many years has successfully practiced at Adelphi, and has served more than a generation of clients in all their legal work. He is a first class lawyer, and has given his time faithfully and intelligently to the management of the various interests entrusted to his charge.

He is a native son of Adelphi, having been born there June 27, 1846. His grandfather, Anthony Swinehart, was born in Pennsylvania, was one of the early settlers in Hocking County, Ohio, and from there moved to Ross County, buying land in Colerain Township. He married Susan Frederick, who was born either in Ross or Pickaway County, and she survived her husband, spending her last years in Clark County, Ohio.

Hocking County was probably the birthplace of Eli Swinehart, father of Robert. Eli Swinehart was reared in Ross County, learned the saddler's trade, and followed that for many years at Adelphi, where he died at the age of sixty-five. He did a great part of his work as a saddler in the days when horseback riding was one of the necessary means of travel, when railroads and canals were few and far between. Eli mar-

ried Sarah Madden, who was born in Ross County, a daughter of Peter and Susan (O'Neal) Madden, both natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers in Ross County. Mrs. Eli Swinehart died at the age of seventy, having reared twelve children.

Reared and educated at Adelphi, Robert Swinehart found employment for some years as clerk in a dry goods store. His ambition for a professional career led him to utilize all his spare time in reading law, and he was finally admitted to the bar and has since devoted all his energies to private practice with office in Adelphi.

On October 3, 1871, Mr. Swinehart married Mary J. Denig, who was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Dr. George W. Denig. Her mother's name was Wilds. Her father was an early physician in Chilliscothe, where he practiced several years. Mr. and Mrs. Swinehart have five children: Russell D., Earl W., Flora R., Mary Adele and Georgia Marie. The oldest son, Russell D., who is now deputy internal revenue collector at Columbus, married Virginia Baldwin, and they have a daughter named Virginia Judith. Earl W., the second son, is now a resident of Baltimore, Maryland, where he is practicing orthodontia, and by his marriage to Grace R. Reigle has a son named Darwin R. The daughter, Flora, is the widow of Fred A. White, and her two children are Kathleen R., and Frederick A. Mary Adele is now the wife of Horace A. Curtis of Chicago, Illinois, and has a daughter, Mary Adele. Georgia is the wife of H. G. McFarren, now secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, at Bucyrus, Ohio.

WILLIAM R. BITZER. It is a substantial tribute to a family when it can be said that what one generation has secured and won from the dominion of the wilderness, the next following has continued to improve and has increased in value many fold. That is real progress and without such work a community would stand still. Such has been the dominating fact in the history of the Bitzer family in Ross County, where the name has been represented for a century. William R. Bitzer represents the fourth generation in this section of Ohio, and is one of the most progressive and successful farmers of Colerain Township.

His great-grandfather, William Bitzer, a native of Pennsylvania, emigrated to Ohio when it was still a part of Northwest Territory. He became one of the first to locate in Coleraine Township of what is now Ross County. Jacob Bitzer, grandfather of William R., was a native of Pennsylvania, but was still young when brought to Ohio, where he was reared among pioneer conditions. For many years after the family settled in Ross County all kinds of game abounded, and as a boy he had Indians for companions. On reaching manhood he secured a tract of timbered land, hewed a farm from the wilderness, and remained a resident there, in comfortable prosperity and in the esteem of his neighbors, until his death at the age of eighty-six. Jacob Bitzer married Barbara Metzgar, a daughter of Jacob Metzgar. She died at the age of eighty-two.

William Bitzer, a son of Jacob and father of William R., was born

in Colerain Township of Ross County, and was reared and trained to a life of industry and honor. He contributed his early labors to the support of the family household, and when able to do almost a man's work he was paid only 12½ cents a day for his time. His wages increased with his efficiency and by saving most of his earnings he was able to invest in a team and such farm implements as were then in common use, and with that equipment started out independently as a renter. He and his bride began housekeeping in a log cabin. Hard work on the part of both of them brought prosperity, and later they bought 137½ acres in section 18 of Colerain Township. The only improvements on the land were a set of log buildings and half of the acreage in fields. Here William Bitzer engaged in general farming and stock raising, and prosperity came to him in large measure. He died in 1904, leaving his land thoroughly cultivated and well tilled and improved with excellent buildings. On February 14, 1861, he had married Mary Ann Creachbaum. She was born in Harrison Township of Ross County, March 5, 1834, and her father John Creachbaum, a native of Pennsylvania, was a son of George Creachbaum, who had moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio about 1797, and was one of the first white men to make permanent settlement in Harrison Township of Ross County. George Creachbaum improved one of the first farms in that township, and lived there until his death. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Gates, who was a daughter of Adam Gates, a native of Pennsylvania, and one of the very early settlers in Green Township of Ross County. John Creachbaum during his youth learned the trade of cooper and was identified with that industry in Harrison Township, where he also owned a farm. John Creachbaum married Catherine Rowe, a daughter of Peter and Mary Rowe. In the Creachbaum family were the following children: Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Ann Maria, Sarah, Peter, and Rebecca. Mrs. Mary Ann (Creachbaum) Bitzer is still living at the home of her son, William, and though eighty-two years of age is well preserved in bodily health and mental faculty. She has many interesting stories to relate of her early life spent in the wilderness of Ross County, and is a connecting link between the modern present and the pioneer past. When she was young her mother did all the cooking by an open fireplace, and all the cloth used to dress the members of the family was carded and spun at home. There were no mowing machines, no reapers, nor threshing outfits. Grass was cut with a scythe, grain was cut with a sickle, and the threshing was done by horses or oxen walking over the threshing floor. Mr. and Mrs. William Bitzer reared four children, named Leah, Flora, Mary and William R.

The only son among these children, William R. Bitzer, was born in Colerain Township, May 12, 1868. As a boy he attended country schools, learned farming by practical experience, and as a youth he worked a part of his father's land on the shares. After the death of his father he bought the interests of his sisters in the homestead, and has since conducted it and made a success of general farming and stock raising.

At the age of twenty-eight, Mr. Bitzer married Jessie M. Damm,

who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, a daughter of Daniel and Susanna Damm. Mr. and Mrs. Bitzer have eight children: Russell E., Nolan D., Marie, Dorothy, William, Bertha, Florence and Frances R. Mr. Bitzer's parents were both active members of the United Brethren Church and he and the other children were reared in the same faith.

THE RICHARD ENDERLIN WELFARE HOUSE. Chillicothe has long been known as one of the most progressive cities in the state in caring for those in need. Every community—however high the average intelligence, however great the general prosperity—has in its midst some members who through poverty or sickness, or both—since one often begets the other—are unable to care for themselves. Good men and women are ever ready to lend a helping hand to these unfortunates, but the aid given is only temporary and is often so unwisely planned, though well intentioned, as to leave the recipient in a state worse than before. To extend such wide and systematic aid as may be of permanent value to the one who is "down and out," whatever the cause, is the aim of all true charity, and how to accomplish this end is a problem for the wisest. A long step in this direction, so far as this community is concerned, was gained when Col. Richard Enderlin gave to the city a beautiful home to be used for all time as headquarters for carrying on systematic welfare work, thus putting the care of the needy on a solid and permanent basis not otherwise possible.

Philanthropy is not a new thing with Colonel Enderlin. Those who knew him in his early manhood, when his income was meager, tell how even then he was ever ready to aid those to whom misfortune had come. Mention of this is not made to extol Colonel Enderlin, but merely to show that the wise provisions made in his gift were the result of the wisdom and thought of a lifetime of service to his fellow man.

The Richard Enderlin Welfare House, Incorporated, was presented to the city in April, 1914, and the necessary proceedings were at once begun to secure a charter of incorporation under the laws of the state of Ohio. The board of directors named in the papers of incorporation are: Mr. William Zurer, chairman; Mr. W. F. Sulzbacher, Mr. J. P. Rigney, Mr. Carl Enderlin, and Mr. J. H. Greenbaum. This board is self-perpetuating, the remaining members in the event of a vacancy, filling the same by vote. The purpose and intent of the donor are best expressed in the following extract from the articles of incorporation:

"The said corporation is formed for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and conducting an institution, free to all persons, regardless of age, race, color, religious or political affiliations, to whom, temporarily and in emergencies, may be dispensed charity, aid, relief, medical treatment and nursing; receiving funds by donation, bequest or otherwise; holding, investing and disbursing the same; and the doing of all things necessary and incidental to the purpose of this corporation, including the power to purchase and acquire all personal and real property, and the right to sell and dispose of the same; it being expressly understood

that said corporation is not formed for any object which may embrace the care of dependent, neglected or delinquent children, or the placing of such children in private homes."

Since acquiring the property Colonel Enderlin has expended several thousand dollars in alterations and improvements in order that it may in every way be best adapted to fulfill its purpose. An addition to the main building provides a reception room for patients and other applicants, and also a dispensary which has been furnished with the most modern equipment.

At present the building is occupied by The Ross County Anti-Tuberculosis Society and the Chillicothe Associated Charities, whose activities are now consolidated. The general work carried on by these societies is described elsewhere.

One of the main rooms of the building is known as "The Recreation Room" which is designed for the use of the girls of the city, and is at their disposal at all times; all furniture and decorations in this room were presented by the ladies of the Century Club.

In addition to the main building, but entirely separate from it, Colonel Enderlin has constructed a building known as "The Detention House," although this does not fully describe the various uses to which the building is being put. Here are well furnished, clean rooms, where women or children who are detained as witnesses by the court may be comfortably and kindly cared for instead of being held at the county jail where, as was the former custom, they came in contact with convicts and their evil talk. The deserted and homeless wife and children here receive a kindly welcome and temporary care until relatives can be communicated with, or other provision made for their future. Included in the equipment is a commodious modern bath room. In the basement, Colonel Enderlin has installed a heating plant of latest design, the vapor system being employed. The capacity of the heating plant is sufficient not only for the Welfare House and the Detention Home, but also for any buildings that future needs may demand.

One point upon which the donor is most emphatic is that this home is not for mendicants or professional beggars, but that it shall hold out a helping hand to all worthy poor, regardless of creed or race. So wisely is the future provided for that through all time, so long as men may need and men may give, the Richard Enderlin Welfare House will perform the beneficent purpose provided for by the donor.

H. A. BARNHART. When he was seven years of age his father died and H. A. Barnhart at once had to become the mainstay of his widowed mother. Over obstacles and with many vicissitudes of experience he has been steadily working toward success and there are none to begrudge him his well earned prosperity, represented in the Barnhart Granite Company, one of the leading establishments of its kind in the state.

Born in Ross County, July 26, 1865, he is a son of George and Barbara Ellen (Hassenpflug) Barnhart. Grandfather John Barnhart came to Ross County from Pennsylvania at a very early day and located in

Green Township, which was the home of the family for many years. George Barnhart, who was born in Ross County, was a blacksmith by trade, but died at the early age of thirty-seven in 1872. He was a deacon in the German Reformed Church in Green Township, and a citizen highly respected and exemplifying through his career every quality of morality and uprightness. He left his widow with two children, H. A. Barnhart being the younger. The latter's mother still lives with her son, now at the age of eighty-four.

He acquired an education in the district schools, and after the family removed to Adelphi he found employment in the bakery trade. Somewhat later he bought out a monument business at Adelphi, and continued it for some seven years in that town. It was a very small business at the beginning and in the first year at Adelphi, Mr. Barnhart recalls, the sales amounted to only about \$600.00. In 1893 he moved his establishment to Chillicothe and formed a partnership with James Gorsuch, but after three years bought out his partner and has since continued the business under the name of Barnhart Granite Company, located at 248-250 East Main Street near the traction depot. For a number of years the volume of business more than doubled every year, and under Mr. Barnhart's judicious management the concern has now grown until the sales for each year run many thousands of dollars. In 1910 he erected a two-story pressed brick building, 34x198 feet, where he has commodious offices and salesrooms, and keeps a large stock of finished monuments. The firm ships in large quantities of rough and finished granite and marble from the leading quarries in the eastern states and Wisconsin, and such shipments come in carload lots. Mr. Barnhart has a completely equipped plant for the handling and finishing of granite and marble monuments, including all improved labor saving devices. These facilities, representing a large amount of invested capital, enable him to control a trade over several counties in Southern Ohio.

Mr. Barnhart is a public spirited citizen and his work and influence in any community would be regarded as a valuable asset. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and several other fraternal organizations. He was reared in the German Reformed Church, and in the absence of any church of that denomination at Chillicothe, his family attend worship at the First Presbyterian. He was married March 21, 1888, in Ross County to Miss Rebecca Haynes, daughter of Jacob and Mary Haynes of Chillicothe. To their union have been born three sons: Lee M., Earl H., and Robert A. Barnhart. The eldest son, Lee M., for several years has been with his father in the monument business.

AMASA IVES SENEY. One of the very old and prominent families of Ross County is the Seney. It is now represented by Amasa Ives Seney, who has spent his active lifetime as a farmer in Springfield Township.

His birth occurred in a house on Second Street in Chillicothe March 17, 1848. His grandfather William Seney was probably a lifelong resident of the State of Delaware, where he died in 1812. He married

Susan Hurlick, who survived her husband and married Tillman Rawley. Mr. and Mrs. Rawley emigrated to Ohio and settled in Newark, where Mr. Rawley died a few years later. In 1858 his widow came to Chillicothe where she spent her last days. By her first marriage she was the mother of four children: Joshua, John, Henry and Mary, John meeting his death by accident when a young man. By the second union there were two children: Thomas and Bathsheba.

Hon. Joshua Seney, father of Amasa I., was born in Kent County, Delaware, November 14, 1808. He was reared and educated in his native state and there learned the trade of chair maker. In 1834 he came to Ohio, making the journey by way of stages, rivers and canals. In the Village of Chillicothe he established a chair factory, and had the distinction of making the first cane-seat chairs manufactured in the state. As a manufacturer his industry was carried on successfully until 1851. In that year he settled on the farm in Springfield Township which had been presented to his wife by her uncle, Amasa Ives. Amasa Ives had set out a large peach orchard, and Joshua Seney continued the development of the place as a fruit center. He planted a vineyard and was the first man in Ross County to raise strawberries on a commercial scale. His home continued on the old farm until his death in the ninety-sixth year of his life.

Joshua Seney married Martha Ives, who was born in Chillicothe October 23, 1823. Her father Shayler Ives was born in Bristol, Connecticut, July 4, 1785, a brother of Amasa Ives. The latter was born in 1748 and married Mrs. Barbara Graham, spending practically all their lives in Connecticut. Amasa Ives came to Ohio and located in Chillicothe among the pioneer settlers. For a time he conducted a hotel on the present site of the Warner House. When he came to Ohio he brought with him the first clock with brass works ever carried across the Allegheny Mountains. Shayler Ives died in 1840. On July 29, 1821, he married Eliza Warren Stevens. She was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1804 and was a niece of the gallant General Warren who fell while inspiring his troops against the British in the battle of Bunker Hill. Mrs. Shayler Ives married for a second time E. P. Pratt, who for many years was in the jewelry business in Chillicothe. Mrs. Pratt died January 19, 1865.

Mrs. Joshua Seney died in March, 1905. She reared the following children: Mary, Warren, Amasa, Martha and Eliza, twins, Susan, Matilda, Lucy and William J. The daughter Mary died at the age of ten years. Warren learned the jeweler's trade, followed it a short time, then went to farming, and died at the age of thirty-three, leaving two children, Edward and Rose. The daughter Martha married J. L. Cryder, and lives in Hopetown. Eliza is the wife of Russell B. Claypool. Susan married William H. West. Matilda is now deceased. Lucy is the wife of Samuel Blue. The father of these children was an active democrat in politics and widely known over Ross County in the early days. In 1855 he was elected a member of the State Legislature, and was re-elected in 1857. He impressed his ability in many ways upon the legislation of

that important period and throughout his lifetime he stood for those things which meant most to the welfare of a community.

Amasa Ives Seney, who carries on the honorable traditions of the family in Ross County grew up on his father's farm, attended the public schools and his early training was that of a farmer. He finally succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead and for many years has lived there in prosperity and success. Mr. Seney married Jennie Smith. They have one daughter, Mary Martha.

THE SEARS & NICHOLS COMPANY. It is doubtful if any industry at Chillicothe has a higher and better defined prestige than The Sears & Nichols Canning Company, packers and preservers in tin and glass. It has been appropriately called "a personally conducted business." The men most closely identified with the founding and management of the business are canners by profession, if that term can be used, and from first to last have had one aim, to produce and put on the market goods of the highest quality, not only equalling the best standards of similar products, but measuring up to the most perfect ideals of the canning art. Hence it is not strange that the company stands not only as one of the largest concerns of its kind in Southern and Western Ohio, but has few if any peers in the quality of the well known "Sugar Loaf" products.

A few years ago there was a little convention of the managers and salesmen of The Sears & Nichols Company, and the general manager of the company, Mr. L. A. Sears, made an address which for its pithy business sense and practical idealism deserves quotation in full, though there is not space for that in this article. But there are two paragraphs from the address which should be quoted as indicating the ideas which have governed this business from the start.

"My ambition," said Mr. Sears, "has been to make the best goods on earth. This is a long standing ambition dating from the time that I entered the business. It was also the ambition of the founders of this company, who had a pardonable pride, a deep-founded pride, to make the best goods on the market. It came to me a good many years ago that our product was a little different from the average run of goods. We had a different view of the proposition than a good many competitors in the business. As near as I could get at the facts I conceived the idea that we were making goods for one purpose—to be eaten. That phrase, MADE TO BE EATEN, we have adopted as our motto in this business—MADE TO BE EATEN. It has something to do with the eating quality of the goods; it has something to do with the cleanliness, the care and the general sanitary conditions of our work, and with the way we handle the raw product. If we cannot make good, if we cannot satisfy our consciences that we are making good on this motto, I want to tell you that we are falling short of our proper ambitions and the proper results we wish to secure. MADE TO BE EATEN involves the whole category of excellence in quality, preparation and everything else. I want everyone to take it to heart, that it is not cheap talk, not talk for

effect, that we use this motto. We want it to be a truth, and every time you see a dirty corner, or a dirty utensil, or anything out of order, this motto should be the only notice you need to go and clean up and put things in order. You do not know what an effect it will have on the general feeling of the whole working force. I know it takes them into a better atmosphere. They will do more sincere work, more honest work, and feel better satisfied with themselves, better satisfied with their work, if they have it done in a clean and wholesome atmosphere."

And further on he concluded his address with the following words: "I think it is not too much for me to say that the ambition of the founders of this business, of this corporation, was higher than the mere moneymaking end of it. In fact, I think if there is any criticism we can make of the management of the business in years gone by, it is that they overlooked to a large extent the actual moneymaking proposition; they lost chances of making profit; they have frequently given their customers what they could have taken themselves. In other words, it has not been a dominating factor to say what money we could make and what dividends we could declare. We have always had an ambition to merit the good will and maintain our prestige among the trade, which I consider has been a drawback, in some respects, to profit making. I do not know that our crown will be any brighter, or the halo any larger, when we get into the happy hunting-grounds; but it is some satisfaction to know that we have treated our customers a little better than we agreed to do and I want this always to be the purpose and policy of this company. After all the value of a good name is better than riches."

There is plenty of evidence to show that the Sugar Loaf products of The Sears & Nichols Company have been recognized as standard the world over for a great many years. At the Paris Exposition of 1889, a bronze medal was awarded the company's brand of vegetables, and at the Louisiana Exposition at St. Louis in 1904, the Sugar Loaf brand of fruits and vegetables in tin and glass was awarded the gold medal.

The senior founder of the flourishing business whose headquarters are now at Chillicothe was the late Charles May Sears, who was one of the pioneer fruit and vegetable packers in the west, and who made the canning business his life work. In 1874 he established in Kansas the first factory west of the Mississippi for the evaporation of sweet corn. In 1882 he came to Ohio and shortly afterward became associated with his first partner, his son-in-law, Francis M. Nichols, and together they founded the firm of Sears & Nichols, which was the predecessor of The Sears & Nichols Canning Company. Charles M. Sears lived a long and useful life, and his leading characteristic was his ambition to produce a line of goods in which he and all of his friends could take pride and satisfaction. When it came time for him to lay down the active management of the business he was succeeded by his sons, all of whom have since given their entire time to the industry.

The junior founder of the business is Francis M. Nichols. He was born in Livingston County, New York, November 30, 1848, and in 1873 entered the canning business with the late C. E. Sears, founder of The

C. E. Sears & Company, packers and canners, at Circleville, Ohio. He grew up with the business, soon became a partner with Charles M. Sears, and their combined industry was the foundation of the present flourishing business.

Mr. L. A. Sears, one of the sons of Charles M. Sears, who served as general manager of The Sears & Nichols Company, for many years retired from active service in 1915. He was succeeded by Mr. W. J. Sears, a younger brother. He too, is a practical canner, having grown up in the business from boyhood.

The officials of the company at present are: Francis M. Nichols, president; W. J. Sears, first vice president; L. A. Sears, second vice president; James Reicheldarfer, third vice president; Charles H. Sears, treasurer; and J. H. Birnie, secretary.

Clarence H. Sears was born July 25, 1865, being one of the younger sons of the late Charles M. Sears, and his birth occurred in Douglas County, Kansas, where his father was at that time located. He grew up and received his education in the Chillicothe public schools, and in 1893 graduated from the Kansas State University. In 1895 he became actively identified with the canning establishment of The Sears & Nichols Company. He now holds the position of treasurer and manager of farm operations.

W. J. Sears, who was born July 10, 1869, in Douglas County, Kansas, was graduated from the Ohio State University with the Class of 1894, and for several years was in newspaper work at Chillicothe. He entered the canning business and, excepting five years spent in Columbus, he has held some responsible position with the company. He has always been interested in scholastic work. For eight years from 1907 he served as trustee of the Ohio State University. In 1915 he was made general manager of The Sears & Nichols Company. He is affiliated with the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Kit-Kat and Athletic Clubs of Columbus, Ohio, and the Elks, and has membership in the Sunset and County clubs of this city. He also served with Company H, Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, during the Spanish-American war, and was ordnance sergeant. He served as vice mayor of Chillicothe from 1905 to 1907 and republican presidential elector in 1904. He also has membership in the Ohio Historical Society. He has held the highest office in his college fraternity.

Under his management the company has made further progress, increasing its capital stock and purchasing the properties of the Scioto Canning Co., of Ashville, Ohio, and C. E. Sears & Co., of Circleville, Ohio. The company now owns and operates twelve plants, producing an annual business of \$2,000,000. Its new stock issue provides for \$300,000 of seven per cent preferred stock which is now being placed in the banks of conservative investors.

J. H. Birnie, who holds the position of sales manager, is the son-in-law of Mr. Nichols, and has had a long and valuable experience in the sales department of the company. He is a graduate of the Ohio State University and member of the Chillicothe Country Club.

JEREMIAH HENRY MORROW. Of distinguished Scotch-Irish ancestry, Jeremiah H. Morrow, of Chillicothe, comes from a family that has been prominent in the annals of Ohio for far more than a century, many of his ancestors having been active in public affairs, and influential in advancing the business and industrial interests of state and county, and in promoting their religious development and growth. He was born, May 21, 1870, at Cincinnati Furnace, in Vinton County, Ohio, being a lineal descendant in the sixth generation of Jeremiah Murray, the line of descent being as follows: Jeremiah Murray; John Morrow, the name having been changed to Morrow in the second generation; Jeremiah Morrow; Jeremiah Morrow; Jeremiah Morrow; and Jeremiah Henry Morrow. This genealogy of the family has been found in a volume entitled the "History of the Morrow Family," compiled by Josiah Morrow.

Jeremiah Murray was born in Ireland, of Scotch ancestry. A Covenanter in religion, he emigrated from Londonderry, Ireland, to America in colonial times, settling in Adams County, Pennsylvania. On April 8, 1753, he was ordained, by Rev. John Cuthbertson, the first Covenanter minister sent to America by the Reformed Presbytery of Scotland, as a ruling elder of the Covenanter Society of Rock Creek. He was a farmer by occupation, his land including a part of what was later the Gettysburg battlefield. He died, September 14, 1758, when but forty-seven years old. His wife, Sarah, survived him a number of years, passing away December 19, 1798, aged seventy-six years. They were the parents of eight children, seven daughters and one son.

John Morrow, he having been the one to change the family name from Murray to Morrow, was reared to agricultural pursuits, and when ready to begin life for himself settled at Marsh Creek, southwest of Gettysburg, on land deeded to him by John and Richard Penn, his farm containing 222 acres of land. A man of much ability, he became prominent in public matters, serving not only as county commissioner and justice of the peace, but being a delegate to many township and county conventions, over which he was invariably called upon to preside. He was for many years a valued member of the Rock Creek Church, but later was identified with the Hill Associate Reformed Church, of which he was ruling elder. He died in 1811. He married, November 9, 1768, Miss Mary Lockhart. She died, March 12, 1790, and both are buried in the Marsh Creek Cemetery, west of Gettysburg.

Jeremiah Morrow, one of a family of nine children, was born October 6, 1771, and as a boy and youth took every afforded opportunity for adding to his stock of knowledge, obtaining a very fair education. Brought up on the home farm, he became well acquainted with its work, cutting the grain with a sickle, and threshing it with a flail. In 1794, trying the hazard of new fortunes, he started westward, and after spending the most of the winter in Western Pennsylvania pushed his way onward to the northwest territory, arriving in the Miami country in the spring of 1795, six months after General Wayne had gained his decisive victory over the Indians, who, even then, committed occasional

depredations. He spent about three years surveying in the Symmes Purchase, which lay between the Miami River and the Virginia Military District. Purchasing a tract of land in what is now Deerfield Township, Warren County, he built a log cabin near the center of section 15, town 3, range 2, of Symmes Purchase, near the Little Miami River, where he established his home.

Activity in public affairs was inevitable in a man possessing the strong traits of character belonging to Jeremiah Morrow, and in 1800 he was elected a member of the Northwest Territory Legislature, and was also elected to the Second Territorial Legislature. On the second Tuesday of January, 1803, when the first election for state officers was held, he was one of the four senators elected from Hamilton County. The Legislature passed an act appointing Jeremiah Morrow, Jacob White and William Ludlow, commissioners to locate the college township, granted by Congress for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Symmes Purchase. The first election for a representative to Congress was held, June 21, 1803, Ohio at that time having been entitled to but one representative. Jeremiah Morrow proved to be the winning candidate, and soon after, accompanied by his wife and two children, he journeyed on horseback to Washington to attend the extra session of Congress, which convened October 17, 1803. Four times re-elected as a representative, he served five terms in that capacity, about a month before the expiration of his last term being elected United States senator. After serving one term, he refused a re-election, but in 1822 he became a candidate for governor of the state, and having served with credit to himself, and to the honor of his constituents, for two years, he was honored with a re-election to the same high position. As governor of Ohio, he welcomed Lafayette to Cincinnati on May 10, 1825, then, as on other public occasions, performing the social duties devolving upon him with ease and dignity.

On February 19, 1799, Jeremiah Morrow married, in Pennsylvania, his native state, Mary Parkhill, whose birth occurred in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1776. Returning with his bride to Ohio, they began housekeeping in the log cabin which he had erected on the Little Miami, twenty miles from Cincinnati, the nearest postoffice, and there both spent their remaining days, her death occurring September 19, 1845, and his March 22, 1852, at the venerable age of eighty-one years. They reared seven children, as follows: John; Jeremiah; James M.; Martha, who married George Ramsey; Mary became the wife of David Mitchell; Rebecca married Dr. Samuel S. Stewart; and Elizabeth Jane, who married Dr. Andrew C. McDill.

Jeremiah Morrow was born in Warren County, Ohio, December 16, 1809, and being studiously inclined was given excellent educational advantages. Graduated from the Miami University, he was ordained as a minister of the Associate Reformed Church, and having assumed charge of the church of that denomination at Chillicothe, remained as its pastor until his death, July 26, 1843, while yet in the prime of life. He married, December 16, 1835, Sarah Johnson, who was born November

23, 1812, in Chillicothe, a daughter of Henry Johnson, a pioneer of this city. She subsequently removed to Oxford, Ohio. Her death occurred April 9, 1893. She reared three children, namely: Jennie J., who married John L. Jones; Mary Elizabeth; and Jeremiah. One daughter, Sarah Ellen, died in infancy.

Jeremiah Morrow, the youngest child of his parents, and the only son, was born in Chillicothe, October 18, 1843, but a short time before the death of his father. Acquiring his rudimentary education in the public schools of Oxford, he was graduated from the Miami University with the class of 1861. At the outbreak of the Civil war, with several other of his college mates, he enlisted for three months in Company —, Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and continued with his regiment until receiving his honorable discharge, at the expiration of his term of enlistment. Subsequently enlisting in the United States navy, he served as assistant surgeon steward on Admiral Porter's flag ship, being on the vessel during several engagements. Honorably discharged at the expiration of his term of service, he returned to Oxford. Subsequently going to West Virginia, he was engaged in exploring the oil fields of that vicinity for a time, and then went to Vinton County, Ohio, where he was assistant manager of the Cincinnati Furnace until 1872. Since that year he has been actively engaged in developing, and operating, coal mines for himself and other promoters in Jackson County, at the present writing, in 1915, being a resident of Wellston. The maiden name of his wife was Louesa Treat Ford. She was born near New Haven, Connecticut, a daughter of Stephen T. Ford, and to them six children have been born, namely: Jeremiah, Henry, William Treat, Mary Louesa, Jennie Julia, Frank C., and Charles H.

Jeremiah Henry Morrow attended first the public schools of Jackson County, later continuing his studies at normal schools. Accepting a position as clerk in the Ohio Coal Exchange Company, at Columbus, he retained it for two years, and during the ensuing two years was engaged in developing the coal mines and mineral fields of Jackson and Vinton counties. In 1894 Mr. Morrow came to Chillicothe to accept the position of private secretary to the late William Trimble McClintock, with whose estate he is now connected.

Mr. Morrow married, June 6, 1899, Nannie May Duddleson, who was born in Vinton County, Ohio, a daughter of Henry and Jean (Appleman) Duddleson, and into the household thus established two children have made their advent, Wayne and Inez. Politically, Mr. Morrow is affiliated with the republican party, and religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Morrow are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

DOUGLAS R. GRIFFIN. While his activities have at times led him into other fields of endeavor, the stable occupation of farming has enlisted the early as well as later interest of Douglas R. Griffin, whose entire life has been passed in Liberty Township. Through the exercise of inherent ability and good management he has been successful in the accumulation of 500 acres of land, and Kenmore Farm, near Vigo,

boasts of as fertile soil and as modern improvements as are to be found in the county.

Douglas R. Griffin is a descendant of an old and patriotic Virginia family. His paternal grandparents were Samuel and Mary (Wesson) Griffin, whose ancestors fought in the Continental service during the War of the Revolution and subsequently received land grants in the military district of Ohio. Later, in the great war between the states, members of the same family, descendants of the Revolutionary heroes, espoused the cause of the Confederacy, which their state had promised to support. Some of them gave their lives to the "Lost Cause," while others lost their money and lands and were reduced from affluence to poverty. Among the latter was William Wesson, a cousin of Mary Wesson, who devoted a great fortune to the equipment of Confederate troops. Among the brothers of Samuel Griffin, all men of influence, were Sabot, who was a captain of volunteers in the Confederate army; and John, also a Confederate officer, who, after the war, was made county judge of Brunswick County, Virginia.

Samuel Griffin and his wife came from Virginia early in their married life, in the year 1832, and, settling in Ross County, passed the rest of their lives there. Their son, Abdallah, the father of Douglas R. Griffin, was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, accompanied his parents to Ross County, and upon reaching manhood was united in marriage with Miss Emza Rateliff, daughter of Simon and Rachel (Dixon) Rateliff, both natives of Chatham County, North Carolina. These parents came to Ross County as early as 1804, and Simon Rateliff became a man of prominence and the owner of 600 acres of land. He was one of the county commissioners when the Chillicothe courthouse was built, and was remunerated, according to the scale of public expenditures of those days, with a salary of \$35 per year. Abdallah Griffin and his wife continued to reside on their farm home during the remainder of their active lives, Mr. Griffin being quite extensively engaged in farming until his death in 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin were the parents of four children, of whom two died in infancy, the survivors being: Douglas R., of this review; and Dolly, of North Carolina, who is the wife of Samuel Bowser and the mother of three children.

Douglas R. Griffin was born October 24, 1856, in Liberty Township, Ross County, Ohio, was reared on his father's farm, and was given good educational advantages, attending the public schools of Liberty Township and a commercial college at Dayton, Ohio. After beginning business life he was at different times engaged in the mercantile business and in operating a grist mill and lumber mill, but his principal occupation has always been farming, and, as stated, he is now the owner of Kenmore Farm, which contains 500 acres of as valuable land as can be found in Ross County. On this is located the colonial residence of the family, which was erected by his grandfather, Simon Rateliff. For some years Mr. Griffin was engaged in breeding stock, but has given up this branch of agricultural work, and now superintends general farming operations on his property. His family is now at Chillicothe, where better educa-

tional facilities are attainable. Mr. Griffin is a democrat, but has not sought favors at the hands of his party, and his only interest in politics is that taken by every good citizen.

On February 5, 1900, Mr. Griffin was married to Mrs. Allie F. Cain, nee Dobbins, whose parents were Mr. and Mrs. William I. Dobbins, formerly of Macksburg, Ohio, but later of Londonderry, at which place they resided at the time of her marriage. Her father was a soldier of the Union during the Civil war. To Mr. and Mrs. Griffin there have been born two sons: Phil Douglas, born March 3, 1902, a sophomore at the Chillicothe High School; and Champ Clark, born June 6, 1910.

JOSSELYN ROY STITT. Secretary and treasurer of the Jardine Plumbing Company, Joseph Roy Stitt is one of the youngest business men of Chillicothe, but his business experience is much longer and more varied than his years would indicate, since he began when a very young boy to pay his own way and make his advancement in business affairs.

Born September 27, 1883, in Madison County, Ohio, he is the youngest child of James H. and Mattie E. (Green) Stitt. Both parents were born in North Carolina, and in 1883 the father brought his family to Ross County and located on Water Street in Chillicothe, where he was engaged in the bakery business for ten years. Later he turned his attention to market gardening, and followed that occupation steadily for a number of years, until he retired from active pursuits in 1911. He then removed to Green County, Ohio, where he still resides. There were four children in the family.

Joseph Roy Stitt received his education in the Chillicothe public schools and in the Chillicothe Business College. When fourteen years of age he began work as a retail clerk in a notion store. He remained there a year, and was still a boy in years when he was taken into the Jardine Plumbing Company as bookkeeper. He has continued steadily with that firm, which is the principal one in its line in Chillicothe, and when the business was incorporated in 1913 he was made one of the executive officials. The president is James H. Harps, the vice president is Graham Jardine, while Mr. Stitt has much of the detail management as secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Stitt is a member of the Catholic Church and of the Catholic orders of Knights of St. George and St. Ignace. He is independent in politics. On September 16, 1909, in Chillicothe, he married Miss Anna C. Bohn. They are the parents of two sons, Lawrence C., born September 2, 1911, and John Francis, born February 27, 1916.

THOMAS I. MURPHY. The City of Chillicothe lost one of its most stable and prosperous citizens in the death of Thomas I. Murphy in 1907, at the age of fifty-two.

Mr. Murphy was long identified with business affairs at Chillicothe, and was a native of that city. His parents, Patrick and Catherine (King) Murphy, were early settlers here. They had three sons. The

son Frank was long actively associated with his brother Thomas in the wholesale liquor business at Chillicothe, and both were also stockholders in the Central National Bank. The other son, John, died in young manhood.

The late Thomas I. Murphy during his lifetime in Chillicothe was a representative citizen of the community. He was educated in the local schools, was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, a democrat in politics and a member of the Order of Elks.

On October 15, 1902, he married Eugenia M. Marzluff. Mrs. Murphy was born in Chillicothe, and is a granddaughter of a member of the prominent Barman family, elsewhere referred to in these pages. Mrs. Murphy was the only child of Ferdinand and Mary (Barman) Marzluff, who were represented among the early settlers of Ross County. Mrs. Murphy has one son, Francis F., now twelve years of age and a student in St. Mary's School and with a bright and promising future under the guidance of his mother. Mrs. Murphy has one of Chillicothe's prettiest homes, located at 28 East Fifth Street, and considerable other real estate.

CHARLES E. GOSSETT, whose varied activities as a farmer and business man have made him well known in Ross County, belongs to a very old and prominent family connection in Highland County. Mr. Gossett is now giving his active superintendence to his fine farm of 120 acres, situated in Paxton Township, on the Cincinnati Pike, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Bainbridge. His daily mail service comes over route No. 2 out of Bainbridge. Accustomed from youth up to the business of farming, Mr. Gossett has found prosperity in that line, and his home place, known as Cool Springs Farm, is without question one of the best in point of improvement and fertility in Paxton Township.

Mr. Gossett was born not far from his present home, but in Highland County, Ohio, on November 29, 1857. His parents were Cary W. and Nancy (Rains) Gossett. The founder of the family in Ohio was Amoriah Gossett, his great-grandfather. Amoriah came into Highland County when it was a total wilderness, and was one of the very first to found a home in that section. He came to Ohio from Kentucky. Amoriah married Miss Lydia Evans. Theirs was the first marriage celebrated in Hillsboro, Highland County, and their son Ambrose, the grandfather of Charles E. Gossett, was the first white child born at Newmarket, Highland County, where the parents settled after their marriage. Amoriah was a potter, a trade he followed in Newmarket for many years, but finally retired to Rainsboro in Highland County, and from there moved to Indiana, where he and his wife, Lydia, died.

Ambrose Gossett also learned the trade of potter, and made that the medium of a very useful service to his community during all the active years of his life. His home was at Rainsboro, in Highland County, and he married Miss Sophia Chaney.

The oldest son of Ambrose, Cary W. Gossett, was born in Highland County, and became a farmer. After his marriage to Nancy Rains he

located on a farm, but in 1864 took his family west to Iowa. From that state he enlisted for service in the Union army, and he died while in the South and his body now rests in the National Cemetery at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Nancy Rains, wife of Cary W. Gossett, was born in Highland County, Ohio. Her grandfather, John Rains, in the early days acquired the land on which he platted the Village of Rainsboro, which community has ever since honored his name and activities. Mr. Charles Gossett now has the original plat of the Village of Rainsboro, laid out by his maternal grandfather. Cary W. Gossett and wife had three children: Charles E., Ida., who died at the age of twenty years, and Marian, who died at the age of fifteen.

Charles E. Gossett was about seven or eight years of age when his father died. In 1866 his widowed mother returned with her family to Highland County, and occupied the farm they had left only a few years before. It was on that farm that Charles E. Gossett grew to manhood. He received his education in the Village of Rainsboro. At the age of twenty years he left home and started to earn his own way in the world, first being employed at monthly wages.

On March 30, 1882, Mr. Gossett married Martha Jane Candill, a daughter of Mark and Annie (Musgrave) Candill. Mrs. Gossett was born in old Virginia, and when four years of age was brought by her parents to Highland County, Ohio. Her parents located on a farm close to Carmel, and her mother is now living at Dayton. Her father died in Xenia, Ohio, in 1916.

After his marriage Mr. Gossett engaged in farming on the Barrett land, close to Rainsboro for three years. He was a tenant there, and on leaving the farm came to Ross County and continued his career as a tenant in Paint Township. While there he formed a partnership for the threshing and sawmill business, and since the dissolution of that partnership, Mr. Gossett has continued the business alone. At times he has run three separate outfits, and his service in this connection is widely known over Ross and adjoining counties. He was actively engaged in this line of business altogether for thirty-seven years, continuing it until 1915. For five years Mr. and Mrs. Gossett lived in Paint Township, and they then returned to Paxton Township, and on April 13, 1908, bought the Cool Springs Farm, where they still reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Gossett are the parents of three children: Harry, who is in the express and draying business at Bainbridge; Elsie, wife of W. R. Richter, of Roxabell, Ross County, and Fred E., still at home. In politics, Mr. Gossett is a republican, and for a number of years served as a director of the schools.

ALFRED MARION IMMELL. To mention the Immell name is to recall one of the earliest families to locate in Ross County. Israel Immell, grandfather of Alfred M. Immell of Green Township, was a native of Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio when it was still a part of the Northwest Territory, locating in what is now Ross County and becoming one of

the first permanent settlers of that section. He was a fine type of the pioneer, and his qualities of industry, thrift, sobriety, and intelligence have descended to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Israel Immell had five children, Susan and Nancy, David, Israel and Elias.

Of this family Elias Immell was the one who established the name in Green Township. He was born in Ross County in the very early days, was reared amid pioneer scenes, and after a number of years in Liberty Township moved in 1843 to Green Township and bought a farm on Columbus Pike. There he engaged in general farming and stockraising, but died at the age of forty years, when still in his early prime. He married Elizabeth Dunn, who was born in Delaware County, Ohio, and was brought to Ross County by her parents. She survived her husband many years, and by good management kept her children together and maintained the old farm, which she occupied until her death at the age of eighty-three. Her seven children, all of whom were young when their father died, were Mary, Alfred M., Sarah Jane, Milton, Emily, Clara and Effie.

As one of the older children, Alfred Marion Immell who was born on a farm five miles south of Chillicothe in Liberty Township May 8, 1840, had to share serious responsibilities when a mere child. He worked industriously for his mother in looking after the farm, and at the same time made the best of his opportunities to secure an education in the rural schools, which he attended when the pressing duties of the farm were discharged.

However, he did not neglect the call of patriotism in the critical time of the Civil war, which was fought when he was a young man. In 1863 he enlisted in the United States Navy, and served on the ship Avenger until March, 1865, when he received an honorable discharge. In April of the same year he re-enlisted, this time in the Fifth Ohio Cavalry, and was sent to Columbus Barracks. The war was then about over, and he was discharged on May 8, 1865, without leaving Ohio for the front.

After the war Mr. Immell operated the home farm on shares until his marriage, and then rented land for several years, paying cash rent. He has a long and creditable record as a farmer and stock raiser, and eventually bought out the old homestead, and has accumulated a splendid farm property. The old homestead is pleasantly located on the Columbus Pike, and comprises eighty acres of the fertile improved land of the Scioto bottom. The improvements on the Immell homestead rank with the very best in that section of Ross County. During his many years of active business management Mr. Immell has built up a large estate. Other purchases bring the total up to 516 acres, including the old homestead.

In 1873 Mr. Immell married Miss Margaret Goodman, who was born on the farm where she now resides, a daughter of David and Elizabeth Goodman, a prominent Green Township family referred to on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Immell have reared six children: Chauncey. Woodford E., Alfred D., George G., Charles H. and Elizabeth Allen

Chauncey married Elizabeth Gateman, and their five children are George D., Walter O., Margaret E., Mildred L. and Helen. Alfred D. married Mabel Perry. Charles H. married Gertrude Carmean. Mr. and Mrs. Immell are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. While building up his splendid estate, Mr. Immell has not neglected his civic duties, and has served as a member of the board of trustees of Green Township and two terms as a county infirmary director. Politically he is a republican.

WOODFORD E. IMMELL, who has been equally successful as a farmer and stock raiser and as a public official, is a son of Alfred and Margaret (Goodman) Immell, and represents the old established family of that name, reference to whom is made on other pages.

He was born in Green Township of Ross County December 6, 1875. Educated in the rural schools and in the Kingston High School, he graduated from the Chillicothe Business College in the class of 1896, and also attended the Ohio State University. Reared on a farm, he took that up as his permanent vocation in life, and began his independent career on rented land. In 1910 he acquired a home of his own by the purchase of 144 acres in the southeast quarter of section 6, Green Township, where he has since employed his energies with excellent results as a general farmer and stock raiser.

On December 20, 1903, Mr. Immell married Ida Fry, who was born in Pike County, Ohio, daughter of John Fry. Mr. and Mrs. Immell have five children: Willard F., Ruth G., Robert H., Richard Marion and Mary Margaret.

The first presidential vote Mr. Immell cast was for Bryan in 1896. In 1902 he was elected assessor of Green Township, serving three years. In 1914, under the new rules, he passed the Civil Service examination and was appointed assessor, and was confirmed in that office by election in 1915. He has also served three years as road superintendent and has been a member of the school board four years.

JEREMIAH M. THOMPSON, a citizen of Jefferson Township, Ross County, Ohio, was born in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1849. His parents were James M. and Jane (Salyards) Thompson.

Jeremiah M. Thompson attended the district schools in boyhood when opportunity offered. He was married to Miss Alice A. Sissen, who was born in Gallia County, Ohio, June 30, 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have had four children: Myelle G., who resides at home; James V., who looks after the home farm; John S., who died at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, served during the Spanish-American war as a member of the ambulance corps; and George, who is a resident of Dayton, Ohio, took the civil service examination and received an appointment to a Government position in the Bureau of Accounting.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are members of the Free Will Baptist Church.

JOSIAH GRABILL. Since assuming the ownership of a farm of 118 acres in Paxton Township, three miles southwest of Bainbridge, Josiah

Grabill has secured excellent financial results and has evidenced a broad knowledge of agricultural science. Many years of practical experience contribute to his agricultural equipment, and his entire life has been spent in the free and independent atmosphere of the country. Mr. Grabill was born on a farm in Marshall Township, Highland County, Ohio, September 13, 1861, and is a son of Philip and Sarah (Elliott) Grabill.

Peter Grabill, the paternal grandfather of Josiah, was born in Pennsylvania, and was a young man when, about the year 1800, he came to Ohio and settled on a tract of Government land. Among the pioneers of that locality he developed a good farm and established a comfortable home for his family, and there passed the remaining years of his long and useful life. Philip Grabill was born on this homestead, in Marshall Township, in 1832, and was there reared and educated. He was married to Sarah Elliott, who was also born in that township, in 1833, a daughter of William Elliott, an early settler of Highland County. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Grabill settled on a farm and there Mr. Grabill continued in the cultivation of the soil until his death, in 1908, at the age of seventy-six years. He was an industrious and energetic farmer and a citizen who contributed in various ways to the upbuilding of the community, so living his life that he gained and retained the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens. Mrs. Grabill still survives him, at the age of eighty-three years, making her home on the old homestead. They were the parents of the following children: E. L., who lives in Marshall Township; Dorothy, who is deceased; Josiah, of this notice; Mrs. Sally Adams, of Otway, Ohio; Hamer, who lives with his mother; Nettie, who died as the wife of William Strobel; Mrs. Rosie Schultz, of New Vienna, Ohio; Lizzie, a resident of Otway, Ohio; Thurber, of near Hillsboro, Highland County; and three who died in infancy.

Josiah Grabill received his education in the public and district schools of Highland County, and remained at home, assisting his father, until he was twenty-five years of age. On November 24, 1887, he was united in marriage with Miss Iva B. Crum, who was born August 13, 1870, in Brush Creek Township, Highland County, and there educated in the district school, a daughter of J. H. and Phoebe (Lowe) Crum. After their marriage they settled at New Vienna, Ohio, where Mr. Grabill worked by the day on a farm for fifteen months, then returning to Marshall Township and living on the old homestead for about a year. In 1890 Mr. Grabill came to Paxton Township, Ross County, where he entered the employ of M. W. Ferneau, for whom he worked three years, then buying his present property in Paxton Township, a tract of 118 acres lying three miles southwest of Bainbridge. Mr. Grabill has been successful in the development of a valuable farm, and has shown himself an industrious and level-headed landsman, honorable in all of his dealings and thoroughly versed in every department of his chosen vocation. His farming operations are careful, diligent and systematic, and have been rewarded by favorable results.

Mr. and Mrs. Grabill became the parents of five children: Nellie,

now at the head of her father's household; Bessie, a graduate of Bainbridge School, who is the wife of H. R. Gray, of Columbus, Ohio; Hester Lowe, also a graduate of Bainbridge High School and Greenfield Business College, and was employed as bookkeeper for Worley Brothers Mill, of Bainbridge, Ohio, died November 26, 1915, at the age of nineteen years; and Margaret and Franklin J., at home. The Grabill home was saddened December 27, 1915, by the death of the devoted wife and mother, a woman of gentle character and great patience, who sought to rear her children to the noblest in man and womanhood, a lifelong member of and active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and her husband's wise advisor and help in matters of business. Mr. Grabill is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bainbridge, as also are his children. He is a republican in his political views. He takes an earnest and unselfish interest in public affairs and at all times fulfills the obligations of a good citizen.

E. J. TULLEYS, M. D. A physician and surgeon whose work at South Salem during the past seventeen years has brought him a splendid reputation and a large following in the profession, Doctor Tulleys is a native of Ross County and in his professional career has measured up to the high attainments of the family ever since it became identified with this section of Ohio.

Doctor Tulleys was born in Bainbridge, Ross County, October 19, 1874. He is a son of William and Alice (Cork) Tulleys. William Tulleys was born in Bainbridge, a son of Isaac Tulleys, and thus the family has been identified with the county through several generations. Doctor Tulleys' mother, Alice Cork, was also born in Bainbridge, a daughter of Harrison Cork. Both William Tulleys and wife were born and reared in Bainbridge, and he followed his trade as carpenter there for a number of years, but in 1906 moved to South Salem, where he still has his home and where he is still active as a carpenter. He and his wife had two children, and the daughter Elizabeth died at the age of six years.

The only son and surviving child of his parents, Doctor Tulleys grew up in Bainbridge, where he attended the common schools. At the age of nineteen, having an ambition to fit himself for a professional career, he entered the University of Chicago, where he pursued a preliminary course, and from there became a student in the Hahnemann Medical College at Chicago, where he was graduated M. D. with the class of 1899. Following this thorough preparation he returned to South Salem, and has since enjoyed a very large practice in that community.

On August 12, 1915, Doctor Tulleys married Miss Bess M. Holloway, daughter of Jerome C. and Josie (Bailey) Holloway. They have one daughter, Alace Josephine, born October 7, 1916. Doctor Tulleys is an active member of the Methodist Church at South Salem, and is serving as a trustee and steward. He is also affiliated with Greenfield Lodge, No. 717, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

E. E. TRUITT is now living a quiet retired life in South Salem. His has been the kind of career which deserves the comforts and pleasures of the world, since he gave his share of service as a young man to the country during the War of the Rebellion and put in many earnest and productive years as a farmer in Ross County.

A native of this county, he was born in Concord Township June 25, 1840, and has already passed the three-quarter century mark on life's journey. His parents were Gilley and Angeline (Bowen) Truitt. Gilley Truitt was a native of the State of Georgia and when a boy came with his father, Rev. Elijah Truitt, to Ohio, the family locating in Concord Township in the very early days. Later they moved to Union Township, where Gilley Truitt grew to manhood. Elijah Truitt spent his last years in Ross County. Angeline Bowen was born on the Scioto River in Scioto County, Ohio, but came to Ross County when a young woman with her parents. After Gilley Truitt and wife were married they settled on a farm in Concord Township, and spent their years quietly engaged in farming and in the performance of those duties which good neighborliness enjoined. Their children were six in number, all of whom grew up, but E. E. Truitt is the only survivor of the family. By a previous marriage his father had six other children, but none of them are now living. The father was a democratic voter until the war, and afterwards became an equally stanch republican and supported the party the rest of his life. He was a very ardent worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The early youth of E. E. Truitt was spent in Ross County, where he attended the district schools and labored on the home farm. He had reached his majority when on August 1, 1861, he left home and enlisted in Company A of the Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His service continued for three years, three months and nine days, until his honorable discharge on November 9, 1864, at Chattanooga, Tennessee. His captain was Mr. Miller and his colonel T. R. Stanley. All his service was in the Army of the Cumberland, at first under the command of General Rosecrans and later under General Thomas. Mr. Truitt received a wound in the great battle of Stone River or Murfreesboro, and was kept in the hospital for a month, recuperating. Later he fought at Chickamauga, was in the Atlanta campaign, and did not leave the army until the rebellion was practically crushed.

On returning to his native county, Mr. Truitt took up farming, and on July 6, 1865, he married Eliza ^{Dorothy} Morton, daughter of John and Eliza Morton. Mrs. Truitt was born and reared in Buckskin Township. After their marriage they located on a rented farm in Concord Township, remained there a year and then spent a year in the West, and on returning to Ross County settled in Buckskin Township. They also lived in Paint Township, but most of their active years were spent in Buckskin Township. For the past six years Mr. Truitt has had his home in South Salem, having moved to that village in April, 1910. After many years of happy companionship, his beloved wife was taken from him by death on March 27, 1912.

Into their household were born eight children, and all of these are still living, namely: John M. and Cora, both living in Salt Lake City, Utah; Ella, at home in South Salem; Perlie V., also at home; Nora, wife of O. B. ^{Baileys} Baileys, of Buckskin Township; William, who lives in Buckskin Township; Elbert Joseph, of Dayton, Kentucky; and Grace, wife of John Rogers of Concord Township.

Mr. Truitt is especially well known and esteemed among his old army comrades, and is a popular member of J. C. Irwin Post, No. 669, at South Salem. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church at South Salem, and politically has always been identified with the republican party.

FINLEY LAVERY. One of the fine homes and families of Buckskin Township for many years has been the Laverys. Many still living recall with esteem the late Finley Lavery, whose death was one of the tragic events of the county. Mr. Lavery was struck and killed by a fast mail train at Lyndon Station on July 11, 1874.

He was at that time fifty-seven years of age and in the prime of his usefulness and activity. He was born in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1817, and had come to Ross County with his parents. He grew up in Buckskin Township, received a good education in the public schools, and after his marriage he located on the farm which he managed successfully until his death. He was a democrat in politics.

On February 10, 1853, Finley Lavery married Miss Mary Murray, who was born January 24, 1827, and died July 28, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Lavery had eight children, and four of them are still living. The daughter Anna is the wife of William Arnott, of Greenfield Township. The son John, who was educated in the district schools, is now a substantial farmer in Ross County. The old homestead is occupied by the two unmarried daughters, Martha and Fannie Lavery. They were born and reared in Ross County, and besides the advantages of the district schools, they both attended the old South Salem Academy. They are active in the Presbyterian Church at South Salem and are liberal supporters of the Missionary Society and the Sunday school.

WILLIAM DUGGLEBY, of South Salem, is one of the honored old soldiers of Ross County, and a man whose distinctive citizenship has been manifest in all the varied relations of a long life.

He was born at East Monroe, in Highland County, Ohio, January 23, 1845, a son of Byron and Mahala (Haggart) Duggleby. His father was a native of England, coming to the United States at the age of eighteen. The mother was a native of Ross County. After their marriage they lived in Highland County, then returned to Ross County and spent the rest of their days and died in South Salem. There were two children and William is the only one still living.

As a youth he worked on the farm, received a district school education, and at Greenfield learned the shoemaker's trade.

His military service began on September 29, 1861, when he enlisted in Company E of the Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was

with that company one year and was then transferred to Company A of the same regiment under Capt. T. E. Taylor and Col. T. L. Stanley. He was first in the Army of the Ohio, then in 1862 became a part of the Eleventh Army Corps, was with the Army of the Cumberland and took part in many notable battles and campaigns. He was in two battles at Nashville, Tennessee, and in the second was shot in the eye. After recuperating, he went back to his company and regiment and remained until several months after the close of the war. He was finally mustered out at Augusta, Georgia, on October 9, 1865, and was discharged at Columbus, Ohio, October 22, 1865.

Mr. Duggleby has lived in Ross County since the close of the war and has made his years as useful in the quiet vocations of peace as they were in the stirring struggles of war. He was formerly a member of Prescott Post, No. 10, Grand Army of the Republic, and now belongs to J. C. Irwin Post, No. 669, Grand Army of the Republic. On July 4, 1866, he married Miss Amanda McCoy. Their three children now living are: Veda, wife of Judson Free, of Buckskin Township; John W., a business man in South Dakota; and Sylvester, who lives in Virginia. Politically, Mr. Duggleby is a staunch republican.

WESLEY N. DRUMMOND. Since early pioneer times the Drummond family has taken a notable part in the improvement and development of Ross County. Wesley N. Drummond, a grandson of the original settlers, has shown all the best family characteristics in this regard. He has taken an intelligent and purposeful part in the events which have made up the history of Springfield Township during the past half century, and is also an honored veteran of the great war of the rebellion. He is impartial, honest, earnest and has the faculty of getting things done in behalf of the township as well as in his private affairs.

His home is on the Chillicothe Road, and his daily mail comes over rural route No. 2 from that city. There Mr. Drummond is proprietor of a good homestead of 117 acres, only four miles from the county seat.

He was born in Liberty Township of this county $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Londonderry on July 19, 1842. His parents were William K. and Ruth (Cox) Drummond. William K. Drummond was born on the old Drummond farm now owned by Charles Hess in Liberty Township. His birth occurred there in 1818, and his father, Benjamin Drummond, a native of Philadelphia, was the pioneer who acquired 400 acres of land in Ross County and founded the family there. Benjamin Drummond was a stone cutter by trade. The youngest child of his parents, William K. Drummond remained at home and finally bought the old homestead from the heirs, and in time built it up to about 471 acres. He lived out his life there, was an active church worker and a loyal republican in politics. He and his wife became the parents of seven children: Benjamin K., deceased; Wesley N.; William, who died at the age of fourteen; Martha, wife of Sylvester Graves of Beatrice, Nebraska; Mary, widow of Joseph Randalls of Chillicothe; David, of Kansas City, Missouri; and Miley, of Chillicothe.

During his early youth Wesley N. Drummond lived on the home farm, attended the district schools, and was still little more than a boy when the war broke out, in 1861. In 1864, after reaching his majority, he enlisted in Company D of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was in service until the close of hostilities. He then spent a year in the West and soon after returned to Ross County to take a steady and active part in agricultural affairs.

Soon after the war Mr. Drummond married Emma Vail, daughter of John Vail. After their marriage they located on the farm where Mr. Drummond now lives, and he has been identified with its management and operation ever since. He put up a number of substantial buildings, and the farm as it is represents his energy and wisely planned efforts continued through many years.

On the old homestead Mrs. Drummond passed to her final reward on December 29, 1907. Seven children were born to their marriage, and they are briefly mentioned as follows: Floyd E., deceased; Violet, wife of William Erskine; Emma, wife of Charles Eibest; James of Chillicothe; Nellie, widow of Vincent Graves, and living at home with her father; Laura, also at home; and John, who manages the home farm.

Mr. Drummond as an honored old soldier is an active member of the A. L. Brown Post No. 162 of the Grand Army of the Republic. He has been a republican ever since casting his first vote, and one of the loyal citizens of his county. He has served as school director and has always been willing to give his time and energy to the welfare of the locality where he has spent his best years.

WILLIAM F. BAILEY. As increasing years separate the present from the years of the Civil war, greater and greater respect is paid to the honored survivors of that struggle. One of the old soldiers of Ross County whose life has otherwise been one filled with activity and worthy accomplishment is William F. Bailey, now living retired at his home in South Salem. He is also serving as justice of the peace of Buckskin Township.

Of that old and historic community of Ross County Mr. Bailey is a native. He was born two miles east of Salem May 7, 1849, a son of Martin and Nancy (Fagin) Bailey. Martin Bailey's father was Richard Bailey, who was born in England, came to the United States, but found it very difficult to accommodate himself to American customs and ways and never entirely laid aside British habits. He lived in Buckskin Township, and there acquired what is now known as the Simon Clouser farm. He lived and cultivated that for many years. He was also a man of aristocratic habits and tastes. Martin Bailey was born in 1809, in Hagerstown, Maryland. In Ross County he married Nancy Fagin, who was born in this county in 1814, and was of Irish descent. Of their nine children the four now living are: Catherine, widow of Jackson Nichols, is spending her last days in the Odd Fellows-Rebekah Home in Springfield, Ohio; William F. is the second; Nancy J., a resident of South Salem, is the widow of J. C. Holloway, who was a soldier in the

Civil war and was wounded at Gettysburg; John R. lives in Portland, Oregon.

William F. Bailey spent his boyhood days in Illinois chiefly, the family having gone to that state in 1855. At the age of eight years he was bound out to a teamster living in Decatur, Illinois, and remained with him, working hard and securing little opportunity to attend school until he was fourteen.

In 1862, at the age of fourteen, he returned to Ross County, worked on a farm for a time and also began learning the saddlery trade. He then went to a farm in Fayette County, and from there, on September 2, 1864, enlisted in Company H of the One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He remained with his command until the close of the war, and saw at least one of the great battles of that conflict, the battle of Nashville. He was mustered out and given his honorable discharge on June 20, 1865. After being discharged he returned from Columbus to Ross County, and therewith began his practical career as a farmer, which continued for practically half a century.

On October 28, 1868, Mr. Bailey married Miss Centrilla L. Kerr. Her father was John H. Kerr and he and William H. Bailey were soldiers together in the Civil war. Mrs. Bailey was born in Buckskin Township January 5, 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey lived on their farm until 1913, when they sold it, then lived on a rented place for a time, and since June, 1916, have occupied their present home in South Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are the parents of four children: Austin K. of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Edgar C., who graduated from the South Salem Academy and now lives in Trinidad, Colorado; Stella, wife of Charles A. Parrett, of Buckskin Township; and Lena K., who formerly taught school but is now the wife of Eldon Miller of Concord Township.

The family are active members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Bailey is a member and is now commander of J. C. Irwin Post, No. 669, of the Grand Army of the Republic. The members of this post hold their regular meetings at Mr. Bailey's home in South Salem. Politically, he is a republican, but is usually for the best man in local politics. For twelve years he served as constable and for three years three months was a United States deputy marshal of the Southern District of Ohio. He served in that capacity under Vivian J. Fagin and W. L. Lewis, both of Cincinnati. Mr. Bailey has also served as mayor, an office he still holds in South Salem, and as justice of the peace is called upon to preside over the minor judicial cases arising in this township.

HENRY HICKLE was at the time of this writing, in the spring of 1916, one of the very oldest surviving natives of Ross County. He recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday. This nonagenarian has been a witness of almost every important incident of progress in the remarkable century just passed. The first short line of railroad track was constructed in America about the time he was born. The Erie Canal had been open for traffic about a year before. Thus the barriers which had hitherto restricted population to the narrow fringe of Atlantic colonies were just

being broken down. His family had already established themselves in Ross County twelve or thirteen years before his birth, and his is one of the few names that have been continuously identified with this section of Southern Ohio more than a century. His long years have had their toil and service and he has lived to a green old age, honored and respected by children, grandchildren, and by hosts of friends.

He was born in Colerain Township of Ross County, February 26, 1826. His father, Henry Hickle, was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, and the grandfather was a native of Germany and settled in Virginia on coming to this country. Late in life the grandfather came to Ross County and spent his last days in Colerain Township. Henry Hickle, Sr., grew up and married in Virginia, and started for Ohio in 1813, while the War of 1812 was still in progress. He was accompanied by his wife and four children, and also by his parents. The trip was made with a wagon drawn by four horses and carrying all the simple household goods. The members of the party camped by the wayside at night. For a large part of the distance the road led through an unbroken wilderness, and most of Southern Ohio was then Government land and subject to entry by settlers at a very small price per acre. A hundred acres in Colerain Township constituted the first tract of land owned by the Hickle family. There after a few days of industrious work a log cabin rose among the trees, and later it was replaced by a two-story hewed log house with a stone chimney in the middle and a fireplace in the two lower rooms. With the assistance of his children, the father cleared up this land and later bought other tracts, so that at the time of his death his estate comprised 300 acres. He died on the old home farm in 1841. The maiden name of his wife was Rebecca Reed, and she died in 1826, soon after the birth of her youngest son, Henry. She left nine children: Aaron, Jeremiah, Mary, Christopher, Melinda, John, Jacob, Samuel and Henry. The father married a second time and reared children by that union.

Mr. Henry Hinkle grew up among typical pioneer scenes. When he was a boy all cooking was done by open fires, and no stoves had yet been introduced. His father raised flax and kept sheep, and he still has the old spinning wheel and the flax hackle which his mother and sister used in the domestic processes of cloth manufacture. All grain was cut with a sickle, and it was years before the most primitive threshing machinery was introduced, the straw being spread on the barn floor and tramped out by horses or beaten out with a flail. It was one of the early duties of Henry Hickle to ride the horse in its monotonous circle as it tramped out the wheat. He was nearly a grown man before the first railroad came to Ross County, and before the first canal was constructed the surplus grain was taken to market on flatboats down the Scioto River. Mr. Hickle recalls the custom of the harvesting season, when three or more men, with a leader, went from field to field with sickles to cut the grain.

Though there were no public schools, Mr. Hickle made the best of his advantages secured in the subscription schools then maintained, and

he grew up industrious, thrifty and able to make his own way from an early age. To the vocation in which he was reared, farming, he applied the best years of his life, and won thereby an honorable competence sufficient for his needs and the comforts of his family.

In 1854 Mr. Hickle married for his first wife Sarah Reedy. She was born in Green Township of Ross County, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Davis) Reedy, who were early settlers in that locality. Mrs. Hickle died in 1860. For his second wife he married another Sarah Reedy, who was a cousin of his first wife and a daughter of John Reedy. By his first union there was one daughter, Altha, who married Chauncey Faust, and is now living in New Mexico; they have two children, May and Miner. By the second marriage there were five children: Mary B., Ursinus, Julia, Arthur and Floyd. The daughter Mary married Robert Overly, living in Columbus, and her four children are Ralph, Earl, Myrtle and Minnie. Julia married Frank Gildersleeve and lives in Denver, Colorado, and they have a daughter, Hazel. Arthur married Nellie Housworth.

After nearly fifty years of married companionship, Mrs. Hickle passed away January 2, 1913. She, as well as Mr. Hickle, was an active member of the German Reformed Church, which he has served as a deacon and elder for many years.

IRA STEPHENS, who is now living retired in Deerfield Township, has spent his active life in the midst of honorable activities and with the credit which is due to an old soldier of the flag who fought on many battlefields in the South for the preservation of the Union.

Though most of his life has been spent in Ross County, where he began farming soon after the war, he was born in a log cabin home in Deer Creek Township of Pickaway County, Ohio. His father, David Stephens, was a native of Ohio. His grandfather, Joseph Stephens, was born, reared and married in Pennsylvania and from there moved to Ohio in the very early days. He located in Deerfield Township, where he resided until after the death of his wife, when he removed to Michigan and spent his last days in that state. There were a number of children in the grandparents' family.

David Stephens was born and reared on a farm in Deerfield Township, Ross County, and was surrounded with pioneer environment. For a short time after his marriage he lived in Deer Creek Township of Pickaway County, but then returned to Deerfield Township of Ross County, and there died at the age of sixty-eight years. The maiden name of his wife was Nancy Ator. Jacob Ator, her father, was one of the early settlers in Pickaway County, improving a farm in Deer Creek Township and also for some years keeping a hotel in Clarksburg. Jacob Ator spent his last days on his farm in Deer Creek Township of Pickaway County, and he and his wife are buried in the Baptist Churchyard in Deerfield Township. Mrs. David Stephens died at the age of thirty-six years, being survived by seven children, Ira, John, Aaron, Joseph, Elizabeth, Mary J. and Lorinda.

While Ira Stephens was a boy the public schools were still conducted on the subscription plan. It was in such a school that he acquired his early learning. He was trained to a life of industry, and at the early age of ten began working on the farm to assist his father. Later he spent several years as a farm laborer, his first wages being \$10 a month. He afterwards commanded as high wages as was paid to farm workers at that time.

He was a young man when the war broke out. Responding to the call of his country for troops, he enlisted in August, 1862, in Company K of the Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. With that regiment he went south and saw many hard-fought campaigns, and ever did his duty faithfully as a soldier. In 1864 his regiment was attached to Sherman's command. He participated in the Atlanta campaign, and Mr. Stephens was with his comrades until, while on the Chattahoochee River, he was taken sick and sent to a hospital in Nashville. He remained there until February, 1865, when with others he was sent to rejoin his command. Sherman was then fighting his way up through the Carolinas, and Mr. Stephens went by railway as far as New York City and thence by steamer to Hilton Head, in North Carolina. Another boat then took him up the Broad River, and about sixty miles from Charleston he landed and crossed the country to that city. He was present at Fort Sumter when Major Anderson again raised the Stars and Stripes over that fort, where the Confederate flag had floated since the first days of the rebellion. On April 14th, the morning of the day that Lincoln was assassinated, Mr. Stephens and his comrades embarked on a steamboat at Charleston and landed at Moorehead City, in North Carolina, and from there proceeded by train to Raleigh, where he rejoined his regiment. After a short time spent in the Carolinas, he marched with his command to Richmond, and a few days later went on to Washington, where they participated in the grand review of the victorious Union troops. Following the review he and his comrades were camped at Bunker Hill, Washington, for a time and were then sent to Camp Dennison, Ohio, where they received an honorable discharge in June, 1865.

In the fall of the year after he returned from the army, Ira Stephens rented a farm in Deerfield Township. From that time forward for forty years he was actively engaged in general farming and made a thorough success of the business. A number of years ago he bought the farm he now owns and occupies on the Clarksburg and Chillicothe Pike. This farm has been improved by the erection of a splendid set of buildings, and the grounds have been beautified by the planting of shade trees. For the past ten years he and his good wife have lived there retired and are enjoying the fruits of the industrious part they played while younger.

On October 9, 1860, Mr. Stephens married Caroline Rickards, and she was a bride of less than two years when he left home to help fight the battles of his country. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1910, and their happy marriage companionship is still unbroken, after existing for fully fifty-six years. Mrs. Stephens was born in Maryland, a daughter of Thomas and Annie Rickards.

To their union have been born seven children: Lorinda, Orpha, Mary, Lyman, Charles, Emma, and Job. There are also grandchildren and at least one great-grandchild. The daughter, Lorinda, is the wife of Isaac Adams. Orpha is the wife of Isaac Hickle, and they have a daughter, Bessie, who is the wife of Ralph Whaley. Mary married William Brown. Lyman married Lizzie Bowers, and they have seven children whose names are Golda, Ralph, Frances, Opal, Maude, Richard and Clarke. The son Charles married Elizabeth Turflinger, and their three children are Minnie, Ira, Jr., and Seymour. Of these last named Minnie, a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens, married Frank Dinkler, and she has a son, Scott Franklin. Emma married Frank Anderson and her four children are Roy, May, Glenn and Robert. Job, the youngest of the family, married Mary McGath, and has a son, Howard.

This is a very remarkable family record. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens head four generations. In the fifty-six years since they were married there has never been a death nor a serious case of illness in the family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stephens are enjoying excellent health at this writing. They are worthy members of Brown's Chapel of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Stephens is an honored charter member of Timmons Price Post No. 321 of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he is also a charter member of Clarksburg Lodge No. 721 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

CHARLES W. STITT. For many years actively identified with farming enterprise in both Ross and Pickaway counties, Charles W. Stitt is one of the prominent residents of Clarksburg, and is now president of the Clarksburg Commercial Bank.

Representing some old families of Ross County, he was born on the Stitt homestead in Union Township, July 4, 1856, a son of Moses and Margaret (McCoy) Stitt. As a young man he attended the public schools and his earliest experiences were with the farm. Before reaching manhood he had mastered the details of farming, and took up his independent career in Deerfield Township. He managed the farm there very profitably until 1906, when he removed to Pickaway County, and his principal farm interests are still in that locality. He resided on the farm until the spring of 1916, at which date he removed to Clarksburg.

On the organization of the Clarksburg Commercial Bank he was elected president and has successfully directed the affairs of that substantial institution. He became affiliated with Clarksburg Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, September 25, 1901. Mr. Stitt has been twice married. His first wife was Ellen Taylor, who died leaving one son, Elmer. Mr. Stitt married for his present wife, Tillie Peck, who was born in Deerfield Township, a daughter of John J. Peck. They are the parents also of one son, Ralph.

CHARLES L. DAILY. The Daily family is one of the oldest in this part of Ohio, and has for a number of years been represented in Springfield Township of Ross County by David R., and Charles L. Daily, and

their sister, Elizabeth F. These brothers have been notable factors in the agricultural affairs of the county and have conducted farming on a very large and extensive scale. Their sister, Elizabeth, has been associated with them for many years and has graciously presided over their household.

All of them are natives of Ohio and were born in Pike County. Their father, Charles Daily, was born in Pike County, March 17, 1821, a date which in itself attests the early settlement of the Daily family in this state. The grandfather, Daniel Daily, was a native of Virginia, and was one of the pioneers in Pike County, where he purchased a tract of timbered land near Piketon. His subsequent years were devoted to clearing and improvement and cultivation, and one of his first improvements was a substantial hewed log house. Other farm buildings arose under his administration, and he prospered as he well deserved. His death occurred in Pike County at a good old age. Daniel Daily married Susan Winn. They reared five sons, John, William, Ralph, Charles and Raymond, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary.

Charles D. Daily grew up on a farm, and made that his staple vocation throughout his active career. For some years he rented a portion of the Van Meter farm, and then bought a place of his own near Piketon. Somewhat later there occurred an unfortunate circumstance in his business affairs. He failed to receive pay for a large consignment of corn, and in consequence, lost his farm. Starting life again after this discouragement he was a renter for a few years on the Clough farm near Waverly, and then moved to Pickaway County, where he was a farmer until his death in 1897. On October 26, 1843, he married Abigail Towner, who was born August 31, 1823. Her father, Capt. John H. Towner, who was born in Virginia, November 30, 1799, and reared in that state, was married, September 6, 1821, to Sallie Peters, who was born March 31, 1797. Coming to Ohio, Captain Towner and wife settled in Pike County, where they spent the rest of their days. His wife died there January 14, 1878, and Captain Towner passed away January 30, 1879, both of them when about eighty years of age. The children of Captain Towner and wife were: Abigail F., Elizabeth Ann, John T., Rachel and Sarah, twins; Harriet N., Benjamin W., Mary Ann, William H., and Eliza E. Mrs. Charles Daily, who died October 25, 1901, was the mother of the following children: Daniel W., John H., William B., Ralph A., Sallie S., David R., Elizabeth T., and Charles Lincoln.

All these children received a good education in local schools, and Daniel, Sallie and Elizabeth all served a time as teachers. David R. and Charles L., after reaching manhood, began farming in partnership. Their first important undertaking was the renting of the Caldwell farm in Pickaway County. This is one of the largest estates of the Scioto Valley, containing 950 acres. The Daily brothers showed their ability by the successful handling of large farms, and for sixteen years were among the largest growers of crops and stock in that section.

In 1908 they bought their present farm of 354 acres in the Dry Run

Valley of Springfield Township, Ross County. This is the farm they now own and occupy, and it is one of the largest and best managed places in Ross County. They have two complete sets of farm buildings and have an abundance of modern machinery for operating the farm so as to produce the best results. They keep only the better grades of livestock.

FLOYD C. McNEAL. The farm home of Floyd C. McNeal is one with long and interesting associations with members of that family. When his grandfather first came to Springfield Township the site of the farm was in the midst of the heavy woods. It was almost entirely by the labors and persistent industry of the McNeal family that the land was eventually converted into a fertile and productive homestead.

On that old place, which he now owns and occupies, Mr. McNeal was born August 17, 1869. His father, William McNeal, was born December 3, 1837, on the same farm. The grandfather was Thomas McNeal, a native of Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. From Pennsylvania he came to Ross County and was a contemporary of some of the very early settlers of this part of Ohio. Like other pioneers he journeyed out of Pennsylvania by means of a wagon and team. His purchase in Ross County was a tract of timbered land in the southeast quarter of section 24 in Springfield Township. There in the midst of the trees was constructed a log cabin. It was the first home of the McNeal family in Ross County. Many years passed before railroads or canals were built, and Thomas McNeal like the other settlers had to suffer the handicap of lack of markets and other advantages that came after Ohio was well settled. In those early days little money was in circulation and the people lived largely off the products of their own fields and the wild game in the forest and the fish in the streams. Thomas McNeal was a man of great industry and in time had most of his land cleared up and under cultivation. He died at the age of eighty years. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Gates, who was born in Germany and who died at the age of seventy-three. Reference to her family, which were also among the early settlers of Ross County, will be found on other pages. She reared eight children, named Henry, Benjamin, Thomas, James, William, Kate, Rebecca and Jane.

William McNeal, in spite of the lack of good schools while he was growing up, acquired a good education. He had qualified as a teacher while still in his teens, and many of the older generation will take a special pleasure in recalling the splendid services he rendered as an educator, continued upwards of forty years during the winter seasons. With the exception of three terms taught in Illinois and Nebraska his work was entirely within the school districts of Ross County. With teaching he combined the ancient and honorable occupation of agriculture. He succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead and there lived and prospered until his death in his seventy-second year. He married Rebecca Downs. She was born in Harrison Township of Ross County, December 3, 1840, and is still living with her daughter, Mrs.

M. L. Strawser, in Colerain Township. Her father, John Downs, was also a native of Harrison Township. His parents probably were born in Pennsylvania and were early settlers of Harrison Township, where the father of John Downs bought a tract of timbered land in section 16 and developed it into a farm before his death. John Downs purchased 200 acres in section 9 of Harrison Township. At the time it was covered with a heavy growth of yellow poplar. His industry enabled him to convert this into fertile fields, and he lived upon it until after the death of his wife, when he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. William McNeal. John Downs married Elizabeth Rout. William McNeal and wife reared four children, named Foster, Floyd, Martie and Norris.

Floyd C. McNeal grew up in the country and obtained most of his education from District No. 6 schoolhouse. His years were spent in assisting in the labors of the home farm and as an independent farmer until 1903. In that year he entered the employ of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and was an active railroad man until he met with an accident to his right arm in 1910. In the meantime he had bought the old homestead, which his grandfather had cleared up from the wilderness, and has lived on it since 1912. In the past four years he has erected a set of good farm buildings, has planted many fruit and shade trees, and now has a place that compares favorably with the best to be found in Springfield Township.

In 1892, Mr. McNeal married Lillian Hanson. She was born in Harrison Township, a daughter of Greenbury Hanson. Mr. and Mrs. McNeal have reared three children: Ralph H., Helen and Margaret. The family are all active members of Mount Carmel Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. McNeal is a trustee. In politics he cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland. He has rendered some valuable public service to his community, having been elected assessor of the Second Ward in Chillicothe in 1911, filling that post two years. In 1915 he was elected assessor of Springfield Township. Mr. McNeal is affiliated with Chillicothe Lodge, No. 24, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also with the Independent Order of Foresters.

MRS. SARAH ELIZABETH HARMOUNT. On account of the splendid character of the people who have lived there one of the most interesting homesteads in Ross County is that occupied by Mrs. Sarah E. Harmount in Deerfield Township. Mrs. Harmount is a granddaughter of the original settler there, and she and her family reside in a commodious two-story house, surrounded by a large lawn shaded with beautiful trees. It was on this farm that Mrs. Harmount was born April 24, 1841. She is a daughter of the late John Wesley Timmons, who was born on part of the same farm March 4, 1806, a son of Stephen and Milla (Brown) Timmons.

The founder of the family here was Rev. Stephen Timmons, who was born in Worcester County, Maryland, August 6, 1769. His father, Thomas Timmons, was born in Maryland of English ancestry. Thomas Timmons was a member of the Episcopal Church, and was one of the

very early opponents of the institution of slavery. The maiden name of his wife is thought to have been Mary Clarkson.

Rev. Stephen Timmons was reared in the Episcopal faith, but in 1791 joined the Methodist Episcopal Church and was soon appointed leader of two classes. Not long afterwards he was licensed to preach, joined the Methodist Conference, and was assigned in 1795 to the Northumberland Circuit. In 1798 he came to the Northwest Territory, arriving in Chillicothe in October of that year. Chillicothe then had one hewed log house occupied by Dr. Edward Tiffin, who afterwards became the first governor of the state. All the other buildings in the town, few in number, were cabins built of round logs. Rev. Stephen Timmons as the pioneer circuit rider visited all the few white settlements then to be found north of the Ohio River, and even carried his missionary efforts into Kentucky. Some of the civilized Indians would go before him and others followed behind to cover up his tracks. This was in 1803. Meeting an object of charity on one of his trips he gave her his last twenty-five cents, and when he alighted from his horse waiting to cross the river there lay at his feet fifty cents. He made the second trip West in 1799 bringing White Brown with him to prove his statement about the new country. Rev. Enoch George came as far as where Lancaster now stands on his first trip. He returned east. There he recited in glowing terms the wonderful charms of the Scioto Valley. Among others who were influenced by his words of praise of this western country was White Brown. It was largely on the strength of this missionary's work that White Brown came to Ross County with his family. No history of Ross County has ever been written without honorable mention of White Brown, since he did much in the early days to make Ross County what it is. Rev. Stephen Timmons married a daughter of this pioneer Ross County settler. On his return east Mr. Timmons joined the Maryland Conference and preached at different places until December, 1801. In that year he returned to Ross County, accompanying a part of White Brown's family. While he himself rode a horse other members of the party were in a wagon drawn by four horses driven by a trusted slave. The minister's belongings were in a wooden chest carried on the wagon. This chest is now preserved at the home of his granddaughter Mrs. Harmount. Mr. Timmons' father had given him \$200 and with this he purchased a tract of land in what is now Deerfield Township. This land is now a part of the Harmount farm. In those early days about the only demand for corn was from the settlers who had not yet had time to raise a crop. Rev. Stephen Timmons erected as his first home a cabin 16 by 16 feet of hickory logs. In that he and his bride commenced housekeeping.

In the year 1804 there arrived in Ross County a colony of people from Maryland. There were seventy of them, the poorest of the poor, oppressed Marylanders. They drew up at the door of Rev. Mr. Timmons. These Marylanders had brought all their possessions in a cart drawn by a pony. Mr. Timmons took it upon himself to assist each of these families to secure homes in the wilderness. The land had not

yet been surveyed, and much of it was owned by the State of Virginia. Under his own direction and by his assistance four cabins were built for the new settlers, and with his gun he supplied the newcomers with large quantities of wild meat, and took other steps to assist them until they could raise a crop. In the meantime the improvements were continuing on his own farm, and in a few years he had a large tract under cultivation. The early settlers of Ross County owe a great debt of gratitude to this sterling man of Christ. In spite of the fact that he constantly gave away great quantities of his yearly produce, he prospered. What he did not give away outright he sold on easy terms to the poor. When a stranger came to him to buy corn he first inquired whether the purchaser had money to pay. If the man said yes, Mr. Timmons would then tell him of some one who had corn to sell. He kept his own corn for such as did not have the money. Thus he confined his dealings almost entirely to the poor. While his own health was not good, and that prevented him from holding regular pastorates, he found much opportunity to preach the Gospel. He was unable to endure the heavy hardships placed upon the circuit rider of the time. Those early preachers made journeys on horseback lasting for days and months, encountered all kinds of bad weather, swam swollen streams, and in his time he saw much of that very kind of service. From time to time Rev. Mr. Timmons added other tracts of land until he was owner of upwards of 800 acres in Ross County and as much more in Pickaway County.

His death occurred in 1849, at the age of eighty years. Thus came to a close one of the most fruitful lives ever passed in Ross County. In March, 1802, he married Milla Brown, daughter of White Brown. She died in 1832. He afterwards married Mrs. (Cartwright) Comberford, a relative of the famous pioneer missionary and evangelist, Peter Cartwright.

John Wesley Timmons, son of Rev. Stephen Timmons, inherited a part of the old home farm, and spent his active years engaged in general farming and stock raising. He owned land in Pickaway County and 900 acres in Henry County. He died at the age of seventy-three. He was first married to Sarah Brown by the Rev. Reuben Rowe on January 13, 1831. She was removed by death about six years later and he then married Ann Elizabeth Pryor. This marriage was performed by Rev. William S. Morrow on May 1, 1838. Miss Pryor was a student in the old seminary at Chillicothe about 1834, and while there she had united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. At the death of her parents she came into possession of 500 acres of land. For his third wife John W. Timmons was married April 30, 1865, to Margaret Clifford, the ceremony being performed by Rev. T. J. Phillips.

The three children of his first wife died in their youth, one of them living to the age of twelve years. By the second marriage there were nine children. The three now living are Sarah Elizabeth, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. One son, Samuel Pryor, died in Andersonville Prison and something more than passing mention should be made of him. When eighteen years of age he enlisted in Company A of the

First Ohio Regiment. He was born October 2, 1842, in Deerfield Township of Ross County, and enlisted September 1, 1861, at Clarksburg, Ohio. Soon afterward he was promoted to first sergeant. At the Battle of Stone River he received a flesh wound on his arm. September 19, 1863, while in the Battle of Chickamauga, he was shot through the left leg just above the knee joint, and subsequently captured. He was removed to Atlanta, then to Richmond, then to Andersonville, where he perished of starvation September 16, 1864. He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church when sixteen years of age, and left home with a strong faith in God, believing that He would care and provide for him. As to his life and character as a man and soldier his colonel wrote of him as follows: "I recollect your brother very well and his quiet gentlemanly manner early attracted my notice, and each day of his two years' service with the regiment gave perfect satisfaction and fresh proof of his worth as a man and a soldier. I never knew him to be guilty of an immoral word or action. As first sergeant of Company A his books were neat and well kept, and his reports and accounts prompt and accurate. He was strict and reliable in the performance of every duty. In few words, he was a good soldier and good man, brave, prompt, conscientious, obedient. It affords me pleasure to bear testimony of his merits." His remains lie in grave No. 8914 at Andersonville. His letters home while in prison were always cheery and hopeful, still trusting the Lord to guide and protect. He said in one: "I am trying to make the best of my condition possible and to keep up my spirit," and of comrades and self he also said: "We are doing as well as could be expected, yet are longing, looking and praying for the day of our release."

Another of the sons of John W. Timmons was also a soldier. He was John Wesley Timmons, Jr., who served his country in the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, enlisting when but nineteen years of age. He was also a Christian boy—and man. He was an excellent soldier, performed all his duties as a mature man with promptness and fidelity. He died at Circleville, Ohio, August 26, 1881.

John Wesley Timmons, Sr., was a man of great influence and excellent judgment, and many people came to him for help and advice when in trouble. His house was noted as a home for the afflicted and needy. He was a firm and active supporter of the church, held different offices such as class leader, circuit steward, etc., and gave liberally of his own means to church causes. At quarterly meetings he was in the habit of giving a public invitation for entertainment at his home. As many as fifty guests were entertained around his dinner table, and usually from twelve to fifteen spent the night in that hospitable household. It was said of him while living that "he was a man among men and esteemed as a man among men." At his funeral Rev. Zachariah Wharton among other things said that "his word was as good as the dollar."

John Wesley Timmons lived on a part of the farm where he was reared until September, 1849, and then moved to the vicinity of Clarksburg, where he spent the rest of his days. During a part of his life he

filled the office of justice of the peace. His second wife Ann was a perfect helpmate. Her last work was one of unselfish devotion. She went to the Gettysburg battlefield in order to nurse a half-brother of her husband who had been wounded and who died on the battlefield, and she brought his body home. While at Gettysburg she cared for many other wounded soldiers, and one of them wrote home to his friends that "no one knew the good she had done while there." In three short weeks after returning from this mission of love she was laid away in the family burying ground. The remains of herself and husband have since been removed to the township cemetery at Brown's Chapel. Ann Elizabeth Pryor was born near Clarksburg, though across the line in Pickaway County March 9, 1817. Her parents were Samuel T. and Emily (Nickols) Pryor.

A daughter of these worthy parents, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Harmount grew up in the old home at Clarksburg, attended the public schools there and was also a student in the Female College at Springfield. In 1861 she married Robert Simpson Harmount, son of George B. and Anna Mary (Baughman) Harmount. On May 2, 1864, three years after their marriage, Mr. Harmount enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, being in the 100 days services. His father, George Harmount, was a carriage builder by trade and a pioneer in that occupation in the City of Chillicothe. It is said that the first body for a stage coach ever made in that city was his handiwork. From Chillicothe he removed to Williamsport, where he spent his last days. Robert S. Harmount learned the trade of carriage and wagon builder from his father and as a young man located at Clarksburg where he conducted a carriage factory a number of years. After his marriage he removed to the Harmount homestead in Deerfield Township, eleven miles from Chillicothe, and was actively occupied with farming until his death at the age of sixty-nine.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmount reared six children: Louetta May, George P., Anna E., Timmons, Robert S. and Ralph. Louetta by her marriage to George C. Blue has two children, Samuel Francis and Charles. George married Martha Briggs. Anna, now deceased, married Wade J. Byerly. Timmons married Ida L. Wilkins, and their six children are Nellie, Harry, Arthur, Annie, Pryor and Mary. Robert married Addie Goodbar, and the four children that bless their union are Marie, Robert, Joseph and Catherine. Ralph married Rebecca Layton, and has three children, Gilbert, Harold and Forrest. Mrs. Harmount has seven grandchildren.

Thus the declining years of Mrs. Harmount are spent with the solace and comforts supplied by her children and her many grandchildren. She has always been a reader, keeps up with current history, and has many things to occupy her mind at the delightful home where she lives.

JOSEPH M. NORRIS. One of the homes that attract special attention by its improvements in Springfield Township is that of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Norris. Mr. and Mrs. Norris have lived there nearly forty

years as active and successful farming people, have reared their children, and enjoy the good will and esteem of all the people in that locality.

Of old English and American colonial stock, Joseph M. Norris was born on a farm in Cass Township of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, May 14, 1848. His first American ancestor was a great-great-grandfather, who was born in England and, coming to America, settled in Virginia when it was still a colony. There he spent the rest of his days. Joseph Norris, the great-grandfather, was born in Virginia, January 10, 1729, indicating that the Norris family has been American stock almost two centuries. From Virginia he moved to Maryland, and lived in that state until his death at a very remarkable age. When he was one hundred and five years old he visited his son in Pennsylvania. Next in line is the grandfather of John Norris, who was born in Maryland, March 16, 1764, a little more than ten years before the Revolutionary war began. He moved from Maryland to Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, buying a farm in Cass Township, and was one of the active and progressive farmer citizens of that locality the rest of his life. He was twice married, and the maiden name of his second wife, the grandmother of Joseph M. Norris, was Nancy Ann Walker. She died June 9, 1845.

James Norris, father of Joseph M., was born in Cass Township of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1813, and lived out his active career in his native county, where he was a farmer and where he died in 1901, when upwards of ninety years. James Norris married Sophia Park, who was born in 1818 and died in 1902. She was a daughter of Alexander Park. Her children were named: Alexander, Mary Ann, Thomas Riley, James Wesley, Lydia Ellen, Rachel Emily, Joseph M., Eliza Jane, Phoebe Ann, and Burton DeForest.

Joseph M. Norris acquired a very good education while growing up in his native State of Pennsylvania, and when not in school acquired a training by work on the home farm. In 1867, before he was of age, he went West, and lived a number of years in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Indiana. In 1878 he started East, but stopped and remained permanently in Ross County.

Here in 1879 he married Annie Elizabeth Gates, who was born on the farm where she now resides in Springfield Township, a daughter of Henry and Margaret (Day) Gates, prominent pioneers who are mentioned on other pages. Mr. and Mrs. Norris have reared three children, named Lillian, Sadie and Catherine. Mrs. Norris was liberally educated and prior to her marriage taught school in Ross County and also in McLean County, Illinois. Her daughters are also well qualified as teachers and Lillian and Sadie are now following that vocation. The daughter, Catherine, is the wife of S. A. Brown, and her four children, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Norris are named Grace, Dorothy, Carl and Ruby Margaret. Mrs. Norris was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends and has always held to that denomination.

HENRY GATES. One of the first families to locate in Springfield Township was the Gates family, headed by John Gates, who came from

Virginia in the early years of the last century. John Gates was a native of Germany, where he was reared and educated, came to America in young manhood and after living in Virginia for several years started for the Ohio country. Arriving in Ross County he secured a tract of government land in section 24 of Springfield Township and devoted the rest of his life to clearing and farming it. He lived to a good old age. but his wife, whose maiden name was Bolinbroke, died in middle life.

One of their children was the late Henry Gates, who was born in Virginia in 1802 and was very young when brought to the State of Ohio. Here he grew up amid pioneer scenes. He wisely improved such advantages in the way of schools as were afforded him, and by careful study fitted himself for work as a teacher. At the beginning he received only \$10.00 a month and board. Schools were then conducted on the subscription plan, and he boarded around among the families who had children in school. He taught most of his schools in log cabins. School houses had none of the elaborate furniture now found in the most backward country school districts, and the seats were slabs supported by wooden pins, without backs and without desks.

During a part of the War of 1812, though he was only a boy at the time, Henry Gates substituted for an older brother, and later received a land warrant for his services. His widow also drew a pension for a number of years. After succeeding to the ownership of the old homestead, he built a hewed log house, and that was the family home for a number of years until it was replaced by a larger and more comfortable frame house. Henry Gates died at the age of sixty-eight years.

He married Margaret Day, who died at the age of seventy. Her parents were George and Catherine (Weaver) Day. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Day reared seven children: Catherine, Mary, Margaret, Sarah, Melinda, Annie Elizabeth, and Lewis. Henry Gates was a devout member of the Lutheran Church. His daughter, Annie Elizabeth, who began teaching at the age of eighteen, and taught a number of years in Ross County and also in Illinois, is now the wife of Joseph M. Norris, and since her marriage she has occupied the old homestead in Springfield Township.

JAMES M. BUSH came to Ross County about twenty-one years ago. He is therefore comparatively a new comer, but has proved a very valuable addition to the farming community and has made a great success in cultivating and managing his land. He owns a very valuable farm in Harrison Township.

He is of old Virginia stock, the family having lived in Western Virginia in different counties that are now in the State of West Virginia. Mr. Bush, himself, was born in Braxton County, Virginia, now West Virginia, May 20, 1856. The original stock were German. His grandfather, Jacob Bush, was probably born in Lewis County, Virginia, moved from there to Gilmer in what is now West Virginia, and owned and operated a farm on which he spent his last years. He married a Miss Fisher, who was also a lifelong resident of Virginia.

Peter Bush, father of James M. Bush, was born also in Braxton

County, West Virginia, learned the trade of blacksmith in early life. and during the war between the states enlisted and served in the Confederate army. He became a member of the Tenth Regiment of Virginia Volunteer Infantry, a regiment that well earned the title of "The Bloody Tenth." On the second day of a three days' battle he was severely wounded, and laid two days before medical and surgical attention could be brought to him. For a number of weeks he was confined in a hospital before being able to rejoin his command. With that exception he was with his regiment in all its campaigns and battles until the close of the war. In the meantime he had acquired a tract of government land in Gilmer County, Virginia, and while improving and cultivating it he also plied his trade as blacksmith, having a shop on his farm. After the war he resumed farming, and continued the quiet career of the agriculturist until his death at the age of seventy-five. He married Rebecca Staton, who was born in Braxton County, West Virginia, a daughter of Oliver and Polly (Lowe) Staton. She died in 1869, when James M. Bush was thirteen years of age.

The latter grew up on the old West Virginia farm. As a boy the schools were conducted on the subscription plan and he made the best use of such opportunities as were afforded him for gaining an education. His practical education came from assisting in the work of the home farm, and he continued to live with his father until he was twenty-one. Later his father gave him a tract of land in the old homestead, and he was employed in farming that until 1885.

Selling out his interests in West Virginia, Mr. Bush then removed to Ohio, and after living for several years at Falls Run, he bought in 1900 the farm on Pine Run in Harrison Township, which he now owns and occupies.

In 1879 Mr. Bush married Columbia A. Heckert. She was born in Roane County, West Virginia, a granddaughter of Peter and Margaret (Wagner) Heckert. Her grandparents spent most of their lives in Gilmer County, West Virginia. Her father, William Heckert, was born in Gilmer County, and in young manhood sustained some injuries which incapacitated him for active service when the war came on. Most of his years were spent on his farm in Gilmer County. Mrs. Bush's mother was Margaret Fisher, who was born in Gilmer County, a daughter of Philip and Margaret Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Bush have been married more than thirty-five years. They have reared a large family of nine children, whose names are Lenora, Ira Asa, Francis M., Manley L., Staza Gay, Nettie Belle, Lida Reuben, Clyde Guy, and Ora Prida. The son, Francis M., married Anna May Boyce, and his two children are Helen Virginia and Arthur Curtis. The son, Manley, served for four years in the United States navy, during which time he visited the principal ports of the world.

JOHN STANHOPE. Now living retired at his beautiful farm home in Harrison Township, John Stanhope is one of the oldest native sons of this locality and the recollections of his lifetime include practically every important development in the event of progress since pioneer times.

Mr. Stanhope has played his own part in life ably and well. He was a soldier during the dark days of the Civil war, and has filled his niche in the world with credit and honor. He represents a family which has been identified with Ross County more than a century, and he is himself the founder of a family that lived to do him honor.

He was born in Harrison Township, November 4, 1838. His grandfather, George Stanhope, spent his early life in the state of New Jersey, and in 1812 emigrated to the West, as Ohio was then known, and settled in Ross County. Like most of the pioneers he made the journey by team and wagon. On arriving in the wilderness of Ross County he bought a tract of timbered land including the southeast quarter of section 17 in Harrison Township. A century ago Ross County presented a very different aspect from what it does now. Nearly all the land was covered with heavy timber. There were no made roads. Travel was done largely by horseback, and following a rude trail made by the blazing of trees. After coming to Ross County, George Stanhope served as a soldier in the War of 1812. He was an officer and his sword is still carefully preserved by his descendants. After the war he continued his work on the home farm until his death. He married Mary Fowler.

Thomas Stanhope, father of John, was born in New Jersey in 1802 and was ten years of age when brought to Ross County. He grew up in pioneer surroundings. For many years there were no railroads or canals through this section of Ohio and in order to market the produce of his fields he put it on board flatboats and floated down the currents of the Scioto, Ohio and Mississippi to New Orleans. Arriving at the southern markets he sold both the boat and the cargo. Early in his career, Thomas Stanhope bought a tract of land in Harrison Township including the southwest quarter of section 17 and was engaged in general farming until his death at the age of fifty-nine. Thomas Stanhope married Mary Ann Dalrymple, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Dalrymple. John Dalrymple was a native of Scotland and his wife of Maryland. Mrs. Thomas Stanhope was five years of age when brought to Ross County, her parents first settling in Colerain Township and later in Harrison. Mrs. Thomas Stanhope was an accomplished pioneer housewife. She learned to scutch the flax and could spin and weave both the flax and wool. For a number of years she dressed all her family in homespun, and cooked the meals by the open fire. She survived her husband and died at the age of seventy-two. Her six children were named George, John, William, Melinda, Elizabeth and Abigail.

John Stanhope became acquainted with those customs and practices which were characteristic of life in Ohio and the Middle West seventy or more years ago. The school he attended was conducted on the subscription plan. When only a boy he exerted his strength to help in the clearing of the land. That was a tremendous task and, viewed from a modern standpoint, was exceedingly wasteful of the magnificent timber which covered large portions of the county. It was the practice after the trees were felled to roll the great trunks together in a pile and then burn them. Besides the woodcraft which he thus learned, he became practiced in all kinds of farming as then conducted. When he was a

boy, grain was cut with a sickle and cradle, and was afterwards threshed out by tramping or with a flail. He was a mature man before the first threshing machine operated by horse power was introduced.

From these employments of civil life he was called away by the war. In June, 1864, he enlisted in Company B of the Sixty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He joined his command at Chattanooga, and thereafter was with the regiment in all its marches and campaigns and battles until after the close of the war. He took part in some of those historic engagements which marked the advance upon and siege of Atlanta, and received his honorable discharge in June, 1865. After the war he returned home and again applied himself to the business of farming.

Mr. Stanhope and his brother George succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead in Harrison Township and they conducted it jointly until the death of George. The farm was then divided, and since then Mr. John Stanhope has kept his share and has carried on its cultivation very profitably. He has erected a fine set of buildings and has planted out many fruit trees. His home is pleasantly situated on the sunny side of a slope, and its surroundings are exceedingly picturesque and attractive.

On September 2, 1863, Mr. Stanhope married Sarah Barclay. Fully fifty-three years have passed since their wedding, and they are still continuing life's journey together. Mrs. Stanhope was born in Green Township of Ross County. Her father, James Barclay, was an early settler in that township, but some years later bought land in section 6 of Harrison Township, and improved the farm on which he died at the age of sixty-four. James Barclay married Mary Pontious. She was born in Green Township of Ross County, a daughter of John and Mary (Eye-stone) Pontious, pioneers of Green Township. John Pontious and wife came from Pennsylvania to Ross County, and made the entire journey on horseback. They carried with them only a few cooking utensils and some bedding. James Barclay died at the age of sixty-four, having reared seven children, named Elizabeth, David, Sarah, Samuel, Jeremiah, James and Albert.

Mrs. Stanhope is herself a product of pioneer times and conditions. She was born in a log cabin, and as a girl she learned the art of cooking by the open fire, and spinning and weaving were among her other accomplishments. Her father raised flax and also kept sheep, and these furnished the materials out of which all clothing was made in the early days.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanhope reared four children: William Riley, Franklin, Rosette and Mary Elizabeth. William R. married Emma Rothe, and their five children are Ernest, Nellie, Edna, Harold and Eva. Franklin married Alice Miller, and his four sons are Clifford, Tiffin, Harry and Frank. Rosette is married and her five children are Bessie, Herbert, Lena, Howard and Iva. Mary E. is the wife of John Miller, and her two children are Helen Elizabeth and Howard Franklin. A grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Stanhope is Ernest Stanhope, who married Blanche Hines, and their three children are Ernestine, Berlin and Gwendolyn.

LEROY CLIMER. Many interesting associations revolve around the name of Climer in Ross County. It is a family which has been identified with this section of Ohio for fully a century. Before coming to Ohio they were successively residents of the Province of Pennsylvania and of Virginia, and it is nearly two centuries since the family stock was transplanted from Europe to the shores of a new world. Out in Harrison Township is a fine old homestead which has been occupied by the Climers through four generations, and is now owned by LeRoy Climer, who was himself born there, and his children, and it is also associated with the early lives of his grandchildren.

Since the family came to America the name has been spelled variously as Clemmer, Clymer and Climer. The first American of the name was Valentine Clemmer, who was a bishop of the Mennonite Church and who came to America from either Germany or Switzerland in 1717. He settled in what is now Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Most of his descendants spell the name Clymer. A son of Bishop Clemmer was Christian Clymer, who was born in 1720 and became an extensive land owner in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Christian and Mary Clymer had a son, Isaac Clymer, who was born in 1755. Isaac was the great-grandfather of LeRoy Climer of Harrison Township. In the Pennsylvania archives, fifth series, fifth volume, page 357, are the muster roll and papers relating to the associators and militia of the County of Bucks. In the list of militia belonging to Captain Patterson's company of militia in Tinicum Township, returned May 22, 1780, is found the name Isaac Climer in the third class. This patriot of the American cause in the struggle for independence died in 1801. His wife was named Margaret.

Joseph Climer, grandfather of LeRoy, was born August 10, 1779, either in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, or Loudoun County, Virginia. He was also the founder of the family in Ross County. From Virginia he came to this county in Ohio in 1815 or 1816, accompanied by his family. One winter was spent on Lick Run, and he then bought a tract of timbered land in section 31 of Harrison Township. On that land he spent the rest of his days, bearing a sturdy part in the pioneer activities of the county. In 1800 Joseph Climer married Elizabeth Ault. She died November 26, 1826. For his second wife he married Sarah Wolfe, of Clark County, Ohio.

Daniel Climer, representing the second generation in Ross County, was born February 6, 1810, near Harper's Ferry, Virginia, and was about six years of age when brought to Ross County. The schools in Ross County a century ago could not in any way be designated as public schools. They were maintained only a few months each year, and on the subscription plan. It was in such a school that Daniel Climer received all his fundamental education. There was no dearth of opportunity for practical training in such duties and accomplishments as were principally demanded of the sturdy manhood of the time. He lived on the home farm and assisted in its cultivation until his marriage, and then rented land from his father and subsequently became its owner. Most of his years were spent in the improvement of his land. Daniel Climer

possessed a great natural skill as a worker in wood and iron, and employed his energies to render a valuable service to his community in the early days. Particularly was he a skilful maker of the old-fashioned grain cradles which were used in harvesting before the time of the reaper. He made about fifty of these cradles every year, and there was sale for every one of them. To some extent he was also a cattle dealer. His enterprise also went in the direction of building some of the first improved highways of Ross County. He was a large stockholder, was the first president and for many years a director of the Walnut Creek Turnpike Company. Politically he was an ardent whig as long as that party was in existence, and afterwards a republican.

On June 13, 1833, Daniel Climer married Rebecca Jones, daughter of Aaron Jones of Hallsville. She died March 3, 1845. On March 28, 1847, he married for his second wife Martha Riley, daughter of Alexander Riley, who was a neighboring farmer. By the first marriage there were five children: Caroline, who married Thomas Wheeler; David; Margery; Joseph, who served in the Civil war and was killed in the battle of Perryville, Kentucky; and Sarah Ann. By the second marriage there were nine children: Edwin Parker, LeRoy, William Henry, Sidney, Daniel Watson, Quimby, Mary Jane, Nancy and Cynthia.

On the farm that he now owns and occupies, LeRoy Climer was born August 8, 1849. He had better school advantages than his father had before him, and the environment in which he spent his early youth was greatly different from what had encompassed the family home nearly half a century before. Farming was the occupation to which he was trained, and he adopted it on becoming grown. He started as a renter, but after the death of his father bought the old homestead, going in debt for a greater part of the purchase money. By constant industry and by intelligent management as a general farmer and stock raiser he soon had the farm paid for. This old place, which is one of the landmarks of Harrison Township, is well kept and shows great care in its management.

On March 10, 1875, Mr. Climer married Ellen Hammann. She was born on a farm in Beaver Township of Pike County, Ohio, March 10, 1851. Her father, Philip Hammann, was born on the banks of the River Rhine in Germany, a son of Peter Hammann. Peter Hammann brought his family to America when Philip was fourteen years of age, the little party consisting of husband and wife, and five children. They came on a sailing vessel, spending fifty-one days on the ocean, and after landing in New York came on west to Ohio and became early settlers in Pike County. Grandfather Peter Hammann died soon after his arrival there, being survived by his widow for several years. They reared four sons, Peter, Henry, George and Philip, and a daughter, Elizabeth. Each of the sons bought land in Pike County, and all spent their days there except Henry, who died in Illinois. Philip Hammann after reaching manhood bought a tract of timbered land in Beaver Township, and there erected the log house in which Mrs. Climer was born. He prospered by dint of much industry, and in the course of time had his land all cleared, provided with substantial buildings, and his later years were

spent in comfort and prosperity. He died at the age of eighty-four. Philip Hammann married Martha Bumgarner, who was born in Pike County, Ohio, daughter of Reuben Bumgarner, who was a native of Virginia and an early settler of Pike County. Reuben Bumgarner married Ellen Carson, a native of Virginia, and a daughter of Robert Carson, who came from that state and was also numbered among the early settlers of Pike County. Mrs. Climer's mother died at the age of eighty-three. Mrs. Climer was one of twelve children: John, Catherine, Reuben, Margaret, Elizabeth, Jacob, Ellen, Philip, Laura, Mary, George and Benjamin. From the time that Philip Hammann and wife were married until the youngest child was twenty-one years of age, it is said that no doctor had ever been called to visit the family, and render professional services. It is remarkable also that eleven of the twelve children are now living, the oldest being seventy-four and having celebrated his golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Climer have reared four children whose names are Herschel, Carlton, Carrie and Martha Estella. Herschel, who now lives in Texas, has two children, Geneva and Mildred Joyce, by a former marriage, and he married for his second wife Frances Sprouse. Carlton, who lives in Wyoming, married Catherine Lever and has a daughter Margaret Eleanor. Carrie is the wife of Otto Haubeil and has one daughter named Ina Carrie. Martha Estella is the wife of Homer Belt, and they have a son, Robert Carlton. Mrs. Climer is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and her husband is aligned with the republican party.

MERRETT COX. Among the native sons of Liberty Township who are not only maintaining the pioneer records of their fathers but are establishing precedents for their successors, mention is due Merrett Cox, who is cultivating his 280-acre farm on Gillespieville Rural Route No. 1, in the Salt Creek Valley. Mr. Cox has passed his entire life in this vicinity, where he is known as an able agriculturist and as a citizen, who has always done his best to advance the community's interests.

Merrett Cox was born in Liberty Township, Ross County, Ohio, February 4, 1855, one of the seven children born to John and Ruth (Dixon) Cox. His father was born in Pennsylvania, and, when a small boy, was taken by his parents to Virginia, soon thereafter being brought to what is now Chillicothe, Ross County, although there was, at that time, no indication that the community was to develop into a large and important city. After spending one year there, the family moved to Vinton County, Ohio, where John Cox resided until his marriage, after which he and his wife purchased 160 acres of land. They resided there but a few years, then coming to the present farm of Merrett Cox, the original purchase made by John Cox consisting of 350 acres. To this he later added by purchase an additional 600 acres, and at the time of his death was considered one of the substantial men of his locality. He cleared a large amount of his land and put it under cultivation and in various ways contributed to the upbuilding of Ross County. Mr. Cox was a man of sincere religious faith, while his wife was also a devoted church

member, and their children were reared to consider honesty, integrity and consideration as among life's greatest and most valuable virtues. Their children were as follows: Martha, Joseph, Abraham, Annie, John, Winnie and Merrett. All are now deceased except Merrett and Winnie, the latter being the widow of Benjamin Drummond, of Liberty Township.

Merrett Cox received his education in the public schools of Liberty Township and passed his boyhood like other farmers' sons in Ross County, assisting his father and brothers in the fields during the summer months and devoting his winters to his studies. He was only about eighteen or nineteen years of age when he was compelled to take complete charge of the farm, all the other members of the family having passed away, and until 1895 he managed the entire estate. In that year he bought 400 acres of land formerly owned by his father, and moved thereto, but after seven years spent in cultivating that property sold his interests and moved back to the original homestead, of which he owns 280 acres. Mr. Cox's home is well built and comfortable, his barns large and convenient, and his implements, fences and general improvements give indication of a progressive, practical and inquiring mind. General farming has received the greater part of his attention, for he is equally informed in regard to all departments of his calling.

In November, 1879, Mr. Cox was married to Miss Margaret Clipner, who was born in Vinton County, Ohio, daughter of Daniel and Marie Clipner, of that county, and to this union there have been born seven children: Clifford, a graduate of the Ohio State College, and now engaged in the practice of electrical engineering at Columbus; Althea, the wife of Elzie Scott, of Kingston, Ohio; Ethel, living at home, a graduate of the university at Athens, and a teacher in the graded school at Clarksburg; Annie, who attended the Athens institution and now a teacher in the Liberty Township schools; Ruth, a graduate of the Chilli-cothe High School; and Ray and Mildred, attending the graded schools. Mr. Cox is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Richmond Dale. Politically he is a democrat, and his public services have included a long membership on the township school board under the old system. He has supplied an element of strength and substantiality to the township since young manhood, and has been one of the most interested as well as the most active observers of its developing prosperity.

OSCAR M. HOWSER. One of the foremost business men of the Clarksburg community in Ross County is Oscar M. Howser, who has lived in that locality more than half a century, has taken part in its various activities and has been also an interested student of its local history.

A native of Ross County, he was born on a farm in Concord Township. His grandfather William Howser was a native of Holland, and was probably the only member of his father's family to come to America. He came to this country when a young man, located in Loudoun County, Virginia, and there spent the rest of his life. His death occurred when he was quite young, and he left a widow and five children named John, James, Alfred, Jane and Rose.

William R. Howser, father of Squire Howser, was born in Leesburg, Loudoun County, Virginia, in 1808, and gained his education in a school at Leesburg where he was a classmate of Robert E. Lee, the famous leader of the Confederate armies. Later he learned the trade of shoe maker. When he began to make shoes it was the custom for the shoemaker to travel about the country and do much of his work in the homes of his customers, and of course every shoe was made to order. At the age of fourteen William R. Howser made his first visit to Chillicothe, Ohio. He had walked the entire distance from Virginia. At that time Ohio was entirely innocent of railroads or canals, and surplus products from the farms found little market unless transported by flat boats down the rivers to the South. In those early days he saw fat hogs sold for a price as low as \$1 apiece. After one year in this part of Ohio he returned, again on foot, to Virginia. At the age of eighteen he came back to Ohio, lived for a time with his mother in Lancaster, and then moved to Concord Township in Ross County, where he bought a home and established a custom shoe shop. He lived there until 1858, and after that was a resident of Clarksburg until his death which occurred in 1894. William R. Howser married Naomi Warfield, who was born in Somerset, Fairfield County, Ohio, where her parents were early settlers. Orphaned at an early age she was reared and educated in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ruff. Her death occurred at the age of sixty-six. The children of William R. Howser and wife were: Christina A., Margaret J., Ellen, Rose, Rebecca, Virginia, Mary, William R. and Oscar M. The son William enlisted in 1862 in Company K of the Eighty-ninth Ohio Infantry, went south with his command, fought in a number of battles, and at Chickamauga was captured by the enemy. For a time he was confined in a prison at Richmond and later was sent to the notorious prison pen at Andersonville, where he starved to death. He was at that time twenty-six years of age.

Oscar M. Howser grew up in Ross County, attended the district schools and found his first regular occupation as a traveling salesman for the Hocking Valley Manufacturing Company. In 1860 he located at Clarksburg, and with the exception of the two years on the road as a salesman has been a resident there ever since. Business and public duties of various kinds have occupied his time and attention, and he is now vice president of the Clarksburg Commercial Bank.

A keen student of local history, Squire Howser has done much to preserve some of the early records concerning the county. In his collection is one record of special interest. This is an old book on the title page of which appears the following: "Record of marks and brands entered by the inhabitants of Deerfield township, Ross county and State of Ohio, Apr. 5, 1805." In the early days in Ross County, as later in all parts of the West, horses, cattle and hogs ran at large, and each owner of stock had some particular brand or mark by which to identify such stock, these brands being recorded in the township clerk's office. It will be a matter of historical interest to quote some of the entries found in the book owned by Squire Howser. The township clerk at that time was Samuel Langdale. The following are a few of the entries:

"Michael Atken marks with a crop off the left ear." "William Nolin marks with a crop off each ear, an upper bit out of each ear, and the tail cut about half off." "Catharine Nathan marks with a crop off the left ear and a hole in the same ear with two under nicks or slits in the right ear." "William Clark marks with a slit in the left ear and a swallow fork in the right ear." Across this record was written: "This mark transferred to John Timmons and recorded by him." "William Reddin marks with a slit in each ear." "Samuel Phebus marks with a crop off the left ear, a hole in the same, and a slit from the hole to the extremity of the ear." "John Dillman marked with a crop off the right ear and a half crop off the left ear and branded on the buttock I. D." "John McCallister marks with an upper slope of the left ear and an under slope of the right ear." "Thomas J. and John W. Timmons brands with the letters T. J. T. on the right horn." "Solomon Vincent brands on the left shoulder with the letters S. V."

Squire Howser is an active member of the Christian Church and has the first record of a meeting for the organization of that church. This record reads as follows: "September 8, 1845. This day the Christian church of Clarksburg was organized by Elder Joseph Thomas and Gideon Phoebus. The following agreement was signed by the members:

"We whose names are hereunto set have agreed to unite ourselves together in a church capacity for the purpose of bearing our brothers' burthens and so fulfill the law of Christ and watch over each other for good. And we for this purpose have agreed to take the scriptures for our rule of faith and practice in life and conversation and for the government of the church on earth. For the law of Christ is opposed to all tyranny. If the Son has made us free then we are free indeed. As a test of fellowship we require Christian character." The names of the brethren signed were: Elder James Baker, Thomas Betts, Jacob Funk, John Hanny and Thomas Brown. The names of the sisters: Mary Baker, Magdalene Praps, Mitty Peck, Sarah A. Betts, Mahala Hanny and Margaret Ater.

In April, 1889, Mr. Howser was elected a justice of the peace, and by re-election has been continued in that office ever since. His has been a long and faithful record of service. In 1883 he was appointed a notary public and that position he has also filled by regular reappointment to the present time. He is affiliated with Williamsport Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, with Chillicothe Chapter No. 4, Royal Arch Masons, and with Chillicothe Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar. Formerly he was a member of Frankfort Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but subsequently became a charter member of Clarksburg Lodge No. 721.

At the age of twenty-nine he married Hannah Wilkins, who was born in Ross County, a daughter of Isaac Wilkins. Mr. and Mrs. Howser have five children: William, Allen T., Oscar W., Jeanette and Della. The daughter Jeanette is the wife of C. D. Tinker and their four children are named Dean, Oscar, Robert and Ruth.

EPHRAIM H. MINEAR. The career of a very useful and influential citizen can be traced in the life of Ephraim H. Minear, who has been known to the citizens of Ross County for more than half a century and has filled many places of honor and trust in Union Township, where he was born, and where with the exception of the time spent in the army during the Civil war, he has lived to the present time.

His birth occurred on a farm near the village of Yellowbud in Ross County, November 25, 1840. He represents one of the very oldest families in this section of Ohio. His great-grandfather was Philip Minear, who was a native of Virginia and served with the Continental troops in the struggle for American independence during the revolution. After the close of that struggle he emigrated west to Ohio, and was one of the first to claim a farm from the wilderness in Union Township of Ross County. He located in the midst of the woods, and lived there until death overtook him.

The grandfather, Stephen Minear, was born in Virginia, was brought to Ross County when very young, and though not of military age enlisted for service in the War of 1812. He started with other Ohio troops for the purpose of relieving General Hull at Detroit. Some years later he bought a partly improved farm near Yellowbud in Union Township, and was one of the useful citizens and farmers of that locality until his death at the age of sixty-six. He married a Miss Bradley, and one of her children was William Minear, who was born in Union Township of Ross County and spent his brief lifetime usefully and honorably as a farmer in that locality. His death occurred in 1844 when only twenty-six years of age and when his son, Ephraim, was four. William Minear married Margaret Hobbs, who was born in Gallia County, Ohio, a daughter of Ephraim and Mrs. (Dodridge) Hobbs. She was the mother of three children, named Ephraim H., Ella and Lucy. She married for her second husband Joseph Kirkendall.

In one of the early schools of Union Township, conducted after the manner of fifty years ago, Ephraim H. Minear received his early training. He worked on a farm, and was early thrown upon his own resources by the early death of his father. Seeking an occupation he learned the trade of painter and carpenter, and that was the business by which he gave his chief service to the community for many years.

On August 11, 1862, Mr. Minear enlisted as a musician in Company K of the Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He went south with that regiment and was with it in its various campaigns and battles until he was incapacitated by illness. He received an honorable discharge in June, 1863, and soon afterwards returned home and as soon as able resumed work at his trade. In 1886, Mr. Minear moved to Andersonville, and in that community has lived for the past thirty years. Several years ago he retired from the active work of his trade and is now enjoying the fruits of a well spent career in a comfortable home.

In 1868, a few years after the war, he married Ellen Gamble. Mrs. Minear was born in Darbyville, Pickaway County, Ohio, a daughter of Samuel and Eliza Gamble. She and Mr. Minear lived together for twelve

years, and her death occurred in 1880. She was survived by one son, Fletcher. In 1886, Mr. Minear married for his second wife Ida Madden. She was born near Yellowbud in Ross County, a daughter of William and Minerva (Bryner) Madden. Mr. and Mrs. Minear have a daughter, Ella Belle, who is a successful teacher in the public schools.

Besides the trade which he followed for so many years, Mr. Minear has been able to serve his community in several offices of trust to which his fellow citizens have called him. In 1868, he was elected township assessor, and was continued in that office consecutively by repeated elections for a period of seventeen years. He also served as township clerk from 1887 to 1912, and for several years was a member of the township school board.

GEORGE C. PARRETT, superintendent of the Ross County Infirmary, is a member of the Parrett family that established a home in Buckskin Township fully a century ago and through the activities and influence of its various members has contributed a great deal to the development of that section of Ross County. It was from a farm in Buckskin Township that George C. Parrett was called to his present position and for fully three generations the Parrett family have reaped the fruits of their industry as farmers in this county.

The American ancestor of this sturdy stock was a native of Switzerland. From the best available information it is found that he came to America in 1730, locating in Virginia, where he spent the rest of his life. Five of his sons were soldiers in the Revolutionary war. One of them, Frederick, great-grandfather of George C. Parrett, was born in Virginia, and many years after he had helped to win independence for the colonies he started for the western frontier and in 1814 arrived with his family in Ross County. He located in Buckskin Township and was among the first to make clearings in the woods there. The farm which he improved was his home at the time of his death in 1842. Frederick Parrett married Elizabeth Keller. She died many years before him, and was the first person to be laid to rest in the South Salem burying ground.

George Parrett, grandfather of George C., was a native of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia and was still very young when he came with his parents to Buckskin Township. He became a prosperous farmer and resided in that township until his death. The maiden name of his wife was Millie Wilkins. Her parents were Henry and Rachel Wilkins, both of whom were of Swiss stock. Henry and Rachel Wilkins came from Virginia to Ohio in 1802, the year Ohio became a state, locating eight miles south of Hillsboro in Highland County. Elizabeth Parrett was a typical pioneer woman. In the early days she did all her cooking by the fireplace. She also spun and wove the cloth required to clothe her family, and the old iron oven with its inverted cover which she used in cooking and the grease lamp which furnished the dim light for the house after dark are now carefully preserved by Mr. George C. Parrett. The latter has taken great interest in some of these old time relics, and

has also in the course of his lifetime secured a valuable collection of Indian implements and curios. One of them is a specially rare and valuable specimen. It is a stone plowed up on the Ashland farm in Buckskin Township and shows the face of an Indian maiden chiseled probably by the hand of some Indian artist of a bygone generation.

Frederick Parrett, father of George C., was born on the same farm in Buckskin Township on which George C. first saw the light of day in 1864. He grew up amidst pioneer scenes, attended pioneer schools, and eventually succeeded to the ownership of a part of the old homestead. There he lived a useful and honorable life and died a number of years ago. He married Lucinda Kuhl. She was born in Fayette County, Ohio, daughter of John and Charity (Hopkins) Kuhl. She passed away at the age of fifty-two, having reared four children named George C., Charity, Charles and Ruth.

Mr. George C. Parrett grew up on the old homestead in Buckskin Township. The rural schools supplied him with his early advantages and he afterwards continued his education in Salem Academy. When not in school the farm supplied him with abundance of work to do, and he thus acquired a valuable preparation for his life career. At the time of his marriage he located on a farm belonging to his wife and her brother, Edgar M. Pinkerton, in Fayette County. He operated that for seventeen years continuously, and then returned to the Parrett homestead in Buckskin Township. There he was closely identified with general farming and stock raising until in May, 1915, he was appointed superintendent of the Ross County Infirmary in Union Township. He has proved an able executive and manager in this position, and has introduced many improvements during the year since he took charge.

In 1885, Mr. Parrett married Miss Fannie Wilson Pinkerton. She was born in Fayette County, Ohio, daughter of William M. Pinkerton. Mr. and Mrs. Parrett have six children, named Agnes, Edgar, Lucy, Grace, Robert and Dorris. Agnes is the wife of Rev. Edwin Lodwick and her two children are Edwin and Robert. Edgar married Lillian Porterfield. Lucy is the wife of Frank E. Beard and has two children, named Helen and Weldon. Grace is the wife of Wilbur Smalley and they have a son, Richard. Robert married Ellen Hennegan.

Fraternally, Mr. Parrett is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, being affiliated with the lodge at Bloomington and also with the Uniform Rank and has served on the staff of the brigadier general of Ohio with rank of major. He is also a member of Salem Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America.

CHARLES METZGER. An honored veteran of the Civil war, and a man who has passed his three score and ten years almost entirely within the limits of Ross County, Charles Metzger is a prosperous resident of Union Township and by many years of close application to his work as a farmer has acquired a prosperity sufficient for all his needs.

His birth occurred in the Village of Chillicothe, June 15, 1846. His father, Frederick Metzger, who was born in Germany, June 23, 1813,

was one of the early German residents of Ross County. He was the only one of his father's children that came to the United States, but two of his half-brothers by his mother's second marriage, named Leach, also came to this country and were soldiers in the Civil war.

In his eighteenth year, Frederick Metzger emigrated to America in a sailing vessel, landing at New Orleans, and from there coming up the river to Ohio. His first settlement was at Zoar in Tuscarawas County. At that time the greater part of Ohio was still sparsely settled and the Indians regarded portions of the state as their hunting ground. From Zoar, Frederick Metzger came to Chillicothe, which was still a village in the woods. During the construction of the canal he was employed on that work, and afterwards assisted in building what is now the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and was with the railroad service for several years. He continued to make his home in the City of Chillicothe until his death on June 23, 1898. Frederick Metzger and his wife, Christiana (Kafer) Metzger, who was born September 22, 1808, and died January 4, 1873, reared six children, named George and Christopher, twins; Mary, Charles, Jacob and Henry.

The early life of Charles Metzger was spent in Chillicothe, where he attended the public schools. A few weeks before his sixteenth birthday he began working on a farm. Then in June, 1862, he enlisted in Company F of the One Hundred and Sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His term of enlistment was for three years. He went to the front with the regiment and was soon stricken with illness which kept him in a hospital four months. After rejoining the regiment he was placed on detached duty as a scout and continued in that hazardous and difficult service until the close of the war. He was honorably discharged with his regiment in May, 1865. Mr. Metzger is now one of the two surviving members of Lutz Post No. 336 Grand Army of the Republic.

With the close of his army career, and when still under age, he began working in the country districts of Ross County, and having saved a small amount of capital invested it in tools and equipment and began farming on his own account as a renter. In 1886, Mr. Metzger bought the farm that he now owns and occupies in Union Township. Thirty years under his management have sufficed to give this farm a place among the best in Ross County in point of productivity and improvements. He and his family occupy a fine brick house, and have all the comforts and conveniences of rural life.

In September, 1867, Mr. Metzger married Lydia Epenour. She was born in Ross County of German ancestry. Six children have been born to their union: Barbara, Annie, Edward, William, Lizzie and Ira. Barbara by her marriage to Cary Short has five children, named Otis, Forrest, Harry, Rufus and Mary. The daughter, Annie, died when eighteen years of age. Edward married Lovina Dearduff and has a daughter named Gladys. William married Grace Campbell, who died leaving him two children, Earl and Howard. Lizzie is the wife of Edward Reiter and has four children, named Dwight, George, Gwen-

dolyn and Robert. Ira married Emma Briggs and has two daughters, Catherine and Dona Virginia.

DAVID MCCOY STITT represents one of the old and prominent families of Ross County.

His grandfather, John Stitt, was born in New York State in 1800. He was brought to Ohio when a boy, the family becoming pioneers in Fayette County. John Stitt learned the trade of shoemaker. In that day and generation all shoes and boots were made by hand and for the custom demand. He followed his trade in Bloomingburg for some years, and then went to Guernsey County, where he became interested in coal lands and was a mine operator there until his death. While in Fayette County, he served as a member of the board of county commissioners. The name of his first wife was Elizabeth McCoy. Her parents were Thomas and Nancy (Wilson) McCoy. Thomas McCoy came to the Northwest Territory in 1796, locating in what is now Ross County and being one of the first white settlers. He was accompanied by two brothers. Thomas McCoy bought a tract of timbered land in Union Township, and in 1808 built what is said to have been the first brick house erected within the limits of Ross County. The nails for the construction were packed all the way from Kentucky and cost 12½ cents per pound. He hired a sawmill and used it during the night time to saw the lumber used for the dwelling. As an evidence that it was well built, the house is standing today in good condition and now shelters the sixth generation of his descendants. Thomas McCoy improved upwards of 300 acres, and was one of the great old-time pioneers of this county. Mrs. John Stitt died in early life, leaving only one son, who was born on the Thomas McCoy homestead, December 9, 1824.

This son, father of David McCoy Stitt, spent his early life with his maternal grandparents. He attended a school taught in a log house, and some years later succeeded to the ownership of the old Thomas McCoy homestead. He was successfully engaged in farming there until his death. On October 26, 1852, he married Margaret McCoy, who was born in Union Township, daughter of William and Margaret (Appleck) McCoy. She is still living and owns the old homestead but resides in Chillicothe. Her seven children were William A., Charles W., Carrie E., David McCoy, Bess M., John G. and Elsie P. The parents of these children were both active members of the Presbyterian Church, and the father served a number of years as an elder and for twelve years was a justice of the peace.

David McCoy Stitt was born on the old Thomas McCoy homestead, attended the rural schools and also the public schools of Chillicothe, and his entire career has been devoted to farming. At the time of his marriage he located on the farm where he now resides. The land then belonged to Mrs. Stitt's father. It was a well improved farm with excellent buildings, and Mr. Stitt has always made a point of keeping the best implements and handling only the better grades of stock. His farm is located within five miles of his birthplace.

On February 25, 1891, he married Elizabeth T. Dunlap. Mrs. Stitt was born in Union Township, a daughter of Major Dunlap, who was born in Lexington, Rockbridge County, Virginia, June 1, 1814. His father, John Dunlap, was born in Virginia in 1776, and moved from that state into Kentucky and in 1796 visited that portion of the Northwest Territory now included in Ross County. Together with Alexander Dunlap he bought a land warrant for the Fowler Survey. This warrant included a large tract of the Scioto River bottom land in what is now Union Township. After securing this land, John Dunlap returned to Virginia, where he married Dorcas Dowell. They lived in Virginia until 1825, and he then brought his family to Ross County, settling on a portion of his land near the mouth of Dry Run. There he improved a farm and lived there until his death in 1865. Major Dunlap was about eight years of age when he came to Union Township with his parents. His education was finished in the pioneer schools taught in a log house. After reaching his maturity he settled down to farming and also became an extensive dealer in cattle and hogs. Successful in both occupations, he acquired a large estate. His death occurred as a result of an injury when he was kicked by a horse in 1876. At that time he was in full health and strength with a promise of many years of usefulness before him. Major Stitt was married September 5, 1848, to Martha McCallister, who was born in Pike County, Ohio, daughter of Charles McCallister. She died March 6, 1850. For his second wife, Major Dunlap married Ellen Goodman. She was born in Green Township of Ross County, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Cullum) Goodman and a granddaughter of John and Charlotte (Shuch) Goodman. Mrs. Stitt's mother died at the age of sixty-five, having reared children, named Blanche, Oliver Lorenzo, Elizabeth Tabitha, Margaret Ellen and David Major.

In their home, Mr. and Mrs. David M. Stitt have reared five children, named Ellen Dunlap, Leonard McCoy, Florence E., David Major and Margaret A. Another child, William Kerr, died when seven months old.

Mr. and Mrs. Stitt attend the Presbyterian Church, and fraternally he is affiliated with Scioto Lodge No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons, and for several years has served on the local township board.

MAJ. JAMES C. ANDERSON. A prominent, popular and prosperous insurance man, Major James C. Anderson, of Chillicothe, represents the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati in Ross and Pickaway counties, and also has charge of special work for his company throughout Southern Ohio. A son of James W. Anderson, he was born, March 22, 1854, in Cambridge, Guernsey County, Ohio, of early pioneer stock.

His paternal grandfather, James Anderson, Jr., was born in Pennsylvania, where his father, James Anderson, Sr., settled on leaving Virginia, which, it is thought, was his native state. The grandfather came to Ohio in the very early part of the nineteenth century, and having taken up a tract of timber land in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County, improved the homestead on which he spent the remainder of

his long life of seventy-six years. All of his twelve children married and reared families.

Born in 1833, on the parental homestead in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County, James W. Anderson attended the short terms of the district school during his youthful days, during seed time and harvest helping on the home farm. He subsequently served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade in Circleville, but at the breaking out of the Mexican war enlisted in Company I, Third Ohio Regiment, and was with his command in many engagements of note, continuing in the service until the close of the conflict. Returning then to Ohio, he opened a smithy at Cambridge, Guernsey County, and there followed his trade until the tocsin of war was again heard throughout the land. At the first call by President Lincoln for ninety-days' men, he enlisted in Company A, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and continued with his command until honorably discharged, at the end of three months, when he re-enlisted in the same regiment for three years. Veteranizing in 1864, he remained in active service until after the close of the war, being honorably discharged, November 21, 1865, at San Antonio, Texas. After spending a year in New Concord, Ohio, and two years in Columbus, he located, in 1868, in Salt Creek Township, where for two years he operated a blacksmith's shop. Moving to Circleville in 1870, he resided there until his death, which was the result of a mistake he made in taking the wrong medicine while suffering from rheumatism, his death occurring in 1873. His wife, Mary Lucas, a member of the well-known Lucas family of Ohio, was born in Guernsey County, near Cambridge, and died in 1892, in Chillicothe, Ohio. She reared five children, as follows: Lee O.; James C.; Harvey T.; Harriet M.; and Charles, deceased.

Acquiring an excellent education in the schools of Concord and Hilliard, James C. Anderson, at the age of seventeen years, took an examination in Franklin County, and was granted a teacher's certificate. Instead of teaching, however, he took a business course in Circleville, where he was subsequently employed as a clerk and bookkeeper until 1880. Embarking then in the insurance business, he has since been agent for the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati, for awhile having been associated with Captain E. A. Ramsey, at Washington Court House. In 1892, Major Anderson located in Chillicothe, and now, as stated above, has control of the insurance business of his company in both Ross and Pickaway counties, and is doing special insurance work in all parts of Southern Ohio.

Major Anderson married, in 1880, Jennie E. Hosler, who was born in Salt Creek Township, a daughter of George and Catherine Hosler. She died in 1890, in early womanhood. Mr. Anderson subsequently married for his second wife Alice L. Henry. She was born in Ironton, Ohio, a daughter of James O. and Elizabeth (Sharp) Henry, and a descendant of the Lee and Henry families of Virginia. Her grandfather Sharp was a native of England and came to Ohio in the early '50s. She comes of distinguished patriotic ancestry, and is eligible to membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Major and Mrs. Anderson

have one daughter, Marie Elizabeth, a student in the Ohio State University.

In 1875, Mr. Anderson enlisted in the Sixth Regiment, Ohio National Guards, as a private. He was later commissioned second lieutenant of his company, and having been promoted to the rank of major in 1877, served in that capacity until resigning from the company in 1886. Fraternally, Major Anderson is a member, and past exalted ruler, of Chillicothe Lodge No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has served as secretary and director of the Chillicothe Chamber of Commerce for the past five years.

GEORGE KLINE. For a great many years the name Kline has been closely associated with local business at the Village of Yellowbud in Union Township. Mr. George Kline is the general merchant there, and succeeded his father in a business which has been continued as a service of the community for half a century or more.

He was born in the Village of Yellowbud, April 17, 1864. His father, George Kline, Sr., was born in the same township in 1837. The founder of the family in this county was grandfather Christopher Kline, a native of Pennsylvania and of early German ancestry. Coming to Ross County he located in Union Township, buying forty acres of land about a mile north of Andersonville. At that time Ross County had no convenient markets, since railroads had not yet been introduced. Corn raised on the farms could hardly be disposed of, and in view of these conditions, Christopher Kline established a distillery on his land, and operated it for a number of years, using his own corn and that of his neighbors. His place also gained local fame from his method of brewing beer from pawpaws, which grew in great abundance along the banks of Deer Creek. Christopher Kline lived in Union Township until his death. He reared five children, named Christopher, Hattie, Susan, George and Henry.

George Kline, Sr., grew up on a farm, and when a young man engaged in merchandising at Yellowbud. He opened a stock of general merchandise, and at the same time rented land and became a prosperous farmer. For a number of years he was postmaster of Yellowbud, and lived there until his death in 1906. The maiden name of his first wife was Sarah Fowler. Her father, Gabriel Fowler, spent all his life in Ross County. Mrs. Kline died in 1871 leaving four children, Charles, Christopher, George and Effie. By other marriages their father reared five other children.

Reared at Yellowbud, George Kline, Jr., attended the public schools and acquired a good business education. His early years were spent in assisting on the home farm and agriculture was his regular vocation until 1896, when he took charge of his father's store. On his father's death he succeeded to the business, and has made it a means of reliable service to that locality.

Mr. Kline is unmarried and makes his home with his sister, Mrs. Henry Watts. In politics he cast his first presidential vote for Grover Cleveland and has always been a consistent supporter of the democratic

party. For four years he was a member of the township board of trustees. Fraternally, he is affiliated with White Oak Camp No. 10323 of the Modern Woodmen of America.

JAMES MILTON EVANS, M. D. A life prolonged beyond ninety years is always an interesting spectacle. When with long years have been combined splendid service to humanity, a helpful and inspiring character, then such a life commands admiration and respect.

Ross County has in the person of Dr. James Milton Evans of Clarksburg one of its oldest citizens and most venerable men. He was born in Highland County, Ohio, February 26, 1824, and is still living in the enjoyment of good health and his mental faculties at the age of ninety-two. His father was Isaac Evans, and his grandfather was also a native of Ohio and settled in Highland County at a very early day. The grandfather improved a farm on Clear Creek, where he resided until his death. Isaac Evans subsequently removed from Highland County and settled in Buckskin Township of Ross County, where he was engaged in farming until death claimed him. The maiden name of his wife was Jane Norton, who was born in Buckskin Township. Her six children were Juliet, Cynthia, John B., Samuel R., William D., and James M. A remarkable part of the family record is that all of these sons except William became successful physicians.

Dr. James M. Evans grew up on his father's farm. He attended the rural schools of Buckskin Township and was also a pupil at the noted South Salem Academy. In his twentieth year he taught a term of school in Highland County, also a term in Ross County and two winter terms in Boone County, Kentucky. While teaching he carried on his medical studies at Rising Sun, Indiana, under his uncle, Israel Evans. The winter of 1848-49 he spent in attending lectures in the Cleveland Medical College and the following winter at Starling Medical College in Columbus. Graduating from Starling in the spring of 1850, Doctor Evans is one of the few physicians of Ohio still living who took their first cases ten years before the war. He began practice about the time some of the most important aids to modern medicine were discovered. He began practice in the Clarksburg community, and continued actively for fully sixty-five years, and in that time his name was pronounced as a benediction in hundreds of homes which he had served so well and faithfully. In 1885 he retired from active practice, but in the past thirty years he has been frequently called upon in consultation and even now some old friend or neighbor asks his advice and services in a professional capacity.

During the high tide of his career Doctor Evans was especially successful in the treatment of pneumonia. It is said that he hardly ever lost a case when called at the beginning. He cured some when they were given up by other physicians. Many gave him the reputation of being especially skillful in the cure of cancer, though Doctor Evans states that his cures were usually not malignant cases of this dread disease.

Doctor Evans was three times married. In 1852 he married Emily

Pryer Yates, who was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Blue) Yates. At her death in 1860 she left four children named Mary E., John T., Isaac C., and Milton. For his second wife Doctor Evans married Eliza Caldwell, a popular teacher in the public schools. At her death she was survived by three children named Eldora C., Edward and Orin C. For his third wife Doctor Evans married Mrs. Mary Brown, widow of Richard Brown. Doctor Evans joined the Presbyterian Church when a young man, but there being no church of that denomination in Clarksburg, he subsequently became an active member of the Methodist denomination.

The doctor's oldest daughter, Mary, married William J. Mossbarger, son of Samuel and Eleanor (Cherrington) Mossbarger. To Mr. and Mrs. Mossbarger were born seven children who grew up named Arthur T., Emily E., Milton C., Hugh S., Melva E., John S., and Willie L. Arthur Mossbarger, of these children, married Arlene E. Dawson and has a son named Owen W. Milton Mossbarger married Olive Betty and has a daughter named Betty Louise. Melva Mossbarger is the wife of John Dawson and their two children are Virginia M. and John Milton.

CHARLES B. GEARHART. For many years Charles B. Gearhart has played an important part in Union Township of Ross County, where he is widely known as a successful farmer and stock raiser. He has owned some of the best horses in Ross County, and has also found both pleasure and profit in the breeding of fine hogs. Mr. Gearhart is also known in Ross County for his official connection with local affairs.

He was born in Wayne Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, June 25, 1858. His ancestry goes back to Germany, where his great-grandparents probably spent all their lives. His grandfather, John Gearhart, a native of Germany, had a brother named George, who also came to the United States and located in Circleville, Ohio, where he spent the rest of his days. Grandfather John Gearhart on coming to America first located in Pennsylvania, but when the last century was still young he came to Ohio and settled in Pickaway County. From there he removed to Dayton, and died a few years later. He married Mary Wilhelm, who survived him and with several of her children moved to Illinois, settling near Shelbyville, where she spent her last years. She reared nine sons and one daughter.

Henry Gearhart, father of Charles B., was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in 1818, and was still young when he accompanied his parents to Ohio. At that time Ohio had no railroad, and all bulk produce was shipped in boats over the canals and rivers, while cattle and hogs were driven overland over the mountains to eastern markets. It was in connection with the droving business that he interested himself in early years, and later became associated with Colonel Lutz as a livestock dealer. He finally bought a farm in Wayne Township of Pickaway County, Ohio, and was employed in general farming until his death in 1887. Henry Gearhart married Frances C. Briggs, who was born in Ross County, November 29, 1832, a daughter of Joseph Briggs. The

Briggs family has been a very prominent one in Ross County. Mrs. Henry Gearhart is still living, occupying the old homestead, and though burdened with the weight of years still possesses all her mental faculties. Only in 1916 she had the cataracts removed from her eyes. The four children she reared were named Frank T., Charles B., Mary West and William S. Mary is the wife of Owen McDill.

Charles B. Gearhart grew up in Pickaway County, and received his education in the public schools. His early experience was in connection with farm work, and at the time of his marriage he rented a farm in Muehlenberg Township of Pickaway County. A year later he removed to the homestead, where his wife was born and reared, and in that section of Union Township has since been engaged in general farming and stock raising. Mr. Gearhart has made a success both in the raising of draft and road horses, and since 1905 has devoted his time particularly to the breeding of Poland China hogs.

In 1883 he married Miss Ella Zurmehly. She is the daughter of Robert and Harriet (Lutz) Zurmehly. Her father was a son of Casper Zurmehly, who was born in Switzerland, and her mother a daughter of Samuel Lutz, a native of Pennsylvania and of German descent.

Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart are the parents of three sons, Shirley Z., Carl B., and Paul Henry. The son, Shirley, married Grace Extine and they have one daughter, Dorothy E. Carl married Christian Hamman and they have a son, George Hamman.

Mr. Gearhart cast his first presidential vote for James A. Garfield and since then has been a consistent supporter of the principles of the republican party. For nine years he administered the office of justice of the peace and for a term of three years (1901-02-03), served as county commissioner. Mrs. Gearhart is an active member of Springbank Methodist Episcopal Church.

VERNER TRENARY SCOTT, M. D. One of the progressive and talented young physicians of Ross County, Doctor Scott since graduating from the university and having his preliminary experience in hospital work, has been in active practice at Clarksburg.

He was born at Manchester in Adams County, Ohio. His grandfather, Robert Scott, was a native of Pennsylvania, and on coming west first settled in Maysville, Kentucky, and then removed to Manchester, where he died when still a young man. His widow afterwards married Captain Lafayette Trenary, who was an early settler of Manchester, Ohio, and a man of wealth and influence, being a manufacturer of and dealer in lumber and owning and operating several passenger and freight steamers on the Ohio and Kentucky rivers. Captain Trenary died in Manchester. Doctor Scott's grandmother then married for her third husband a Mr. Bender, who was a veteran of the Civil war and for some years until his death served as postmaster of the Soldiers Home near Dayton.

Andrew Scott, father of Doctor Scott, was born at Manchester, Ohio, and was only one year of age when his father died. He received a good

education in the schools of Manchester, and as a young boy began a practical business experience on his step-father's river boats. Eventually he rose to the responsibilities of commanding a river steamer. During the Spanish-American war he served as a member of the Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He is now living retired at Dayton. Andrew Scott married Tilly Lady, who was born in Indiana, a daughter of William Lady, a native of Virginia and an early settler of Indiana. Andrew Scott and wife reared three children: Verner Trenary, Wilkins Robert, now a machinist at Dayton, and Elizabeth Lady.

Doctor Scott grew up in his native Town of Manchester, graduated from the high school there and afterwards became a student of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. After his literary course he entered the medical university at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated M. D. in 1913. Following his graduation he spent a year as house physician at the Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati. He then located in Clarksburg and has since given all his time and attention to his rapidly increasing general practice.

In 1914, Doctor Scott married Gertrude Harriet Perry. She is a daughter of Jesse A. and Elizabeth (Smith) Perry. Her maternal grandparents were Abraham and Elizabeth (Ellis) Smith. For a number of years her father was editor and publisher of the Manchester Signal, but he now lives retired in Cincinnati. Doctor and Mrs. Scott are the parents of one daughter, Wilma La Verne.

In the line of his profession Doctor Scott is an active member of the Ross County and Ohio State Medical societies. He also belongs to the Nu Sigma Nu College Fraternity and to the Clarksburg Lodge No. 721 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife worship in the Methodist Protestant Church.

JOHN W. REMLEY. Through three generations members of the Remley family have contributed their lives and energies to the improvement of the fine farming district of Springfield Township. John W. Remley represents the third generation and has spent practically all his career on the old homestead in that township. His has been a life of industry, and by upright living he has won the respect and confidence of a large community.

He was born in Springfield Township, June 22, 1863. His grandfather, Conrad Remley, was one of the early settlers of that township, coming in the early years of the last century. Acquiring a tract of timbered land in the Dry Run district, he hewed a farm from the wilderness, and he also established an institution which was an important factor in the early life of that township. On one of the running streams he improved a water power, and made it turn the wheels of a grist mill. He operated that mill for a number of years, and it was a splendid local convenience for the community. He and his good wife, Delilah, who was a native of Scotland, continued to live on the old home farm until their death at a good old age.

Thomas Remley, father of John W., was also born in Springfield

Township of Ross County. As a boy he had the advantages of the subscription schools of his locality, and he assisted his father both in the mill and on the farm. After his marriage he bought a tract of land in section 15 of Springfield Township. This contained about thirty acres of cleared land, and the only other improvements were some log buildings. Thereafter his years were steadily devoted to the improvement and cultivation of his land and he resided there until his death at the age of sixty-eight. His wife, who died at the age of sixty-nine, was before her marriage Catherine A. McNeal. She was born in Springfield Township, a daughter of Thomas McNeal, who married a Miss Gates. Thomas McNeal was of Scotch while his wife was of German ancestry.

One of a family of ten children, John W. Remley, spent his early years on the old farm, attended the district schools, and with the exception of four years lived with his parents until they passed away. He then succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead, and has busied himself with its improvement and cultivation to the present time. His farm consists of both hill and valley land. The hills are arable to the very top, and constitute splendid grazing land and also productive of the staple crops in this section of Ohio. A stream of never failing water passes through the farm, and the bottom lands on both sides have been well tiled. Mr. Remley believes in progressive methods of farming and has modern implements, and besides the raising of crops he indulges his fancy for good livestock and keeps a dairy.

In January, 1896, Mr. Remley married Catherine Overly, who was born in West Springfield, a daughter of John and Martha Overly. Mr. and Mrs. Remley are the parents of four children, Forest, Elwood, Dorothy May and Carl Eugene. Mr. Remley is affiliated with Camp No. 1,141 of the Modern Woodmen of America, and he also has an insurance policy in the North American Life Insurance Company.

HARRY REITERMAN, through agricultural enterprise, has maintained the reputation of his father, J. C. Reiterman, who came to Ross County in 1885 and for thirty-two years was engaged in tilling the soil. Harry Reiterman belongs to the younger generation of agriculturists, but has already established himself as a skilled and energetic farmer, whose training has been comprehensive and whose education has been conducive to success.

Mr. Reiterman was born at Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, December 12, 1881, and is a son of J. C. and Jane (Rader) Reiterman. His father was born in Pike County, Ohio, in March, 1848, and was an infant when his father died, so that the records of the family have been lost and little is known of the grandfather save that he was of German descent. Jane Rader was born in Pike County, Ohio, also a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Rader, who came to the Buckeye State from the Old Dominion. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Reiterman resided in Pike County until 1879, then moving to Circleville, which was their home until 1885. The latter year marked the time of their advent in Ross County, and their location in Liberty Township, where J. C. Reiter-

man continued to be engaged in farming until March, 1916. He then retired and with his two daughters and his wife removed to their home at Chillicothe, where they now live. Mr. Reiterman has lived an industrious and useful life, characterized by a maintenance of high moral standards. In his dealings with his fellowmen he has evidenced integrity and probity, and as a citizen he has endeavored to help his community to grow and develop along all lines. Few men are entitled in greater degree to the esteem of their fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Reiterman have had five children, all of whom survive, namely: Della, who is the wife of John R. Fry, a farmer of Ashville, Ohio; Nancy, who resides with her parents; Harry, of this notice; Lloyd, who married Alice Metcalfe and is engaged in farming near Kingston, Ohio; and Helen, who lives at home.

Harry Reiterman received his preliminary education in the district schools of Liberty Township, whence he was brought as a child of three years, and following this took a complete business course at Chillicothe's leading business college. This training was supplemented by a short course in agriculture at the Ohio State Agricultural College at Columbus, and he then returned to the home farm. At the time of his father's retirement from the duties of active life, Mr. Reiterman was given charge of the farm and since that time has proved well worthy of the trust reposed in him. This is a tract of 307 acres, on Rural Route No. 1, Chillicothe, in Liberty Township, known as the McGuire farm, and the handling of its many duties is a labor not to be lightly taken or to be easily discharged. Mr. Reiterman, however, possesses the abilities, the energy and the necessary knowledge, and his operations are proving abundantly successful.

On February 15, 1916, Mr. Reiterman was married to Miss Maude Betts, daughter of Albert and Ella (Putnam) Betts, of Frankfort, Ross County. Mr. and Mrs. Reiterman are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he served as a member of the official board. Politically a democrat, in 1915 he served as township assessor of Liberty Township. His fraternal connection is with Chillicothe Lodge No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons.

MRS. MARTHA FOSTER is a member of a family that has been associated with Ross County for more than a century. Her married name is the same as her maiden name, and it was her grandfather Foster who led the way into the Northwest Territory and established a home in Ross County in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

Mrs. Foster is a daughter of Thomas Coke and Jane E. (Davis) Foster. She was born in Franklin Township of Ross County, July 30, 1840, and for a number of years has lived in her attractive home in Franklin Township, and she also owns land in Pike County.

Her father, Thomas Coke Foster, was born on the same farm where she first saw the light of day, on July 21, 1813. He was the youngest in the family of John and Martha (Prather) Foster. Grandfather John Foster and his three brothers, Thomas, Joseph and Richard, came from Cumberland, Maryland, about 1796 and bought tracts of land from the

Government in Ross County. John Foster was a local Methodist preacher and held many meetings in this pioneer district of Ohio and worked for his church while developing and cultivating his land.

Thomas C. Foster, who was the youngest of a family of thirteen children, grew up on the old homestead in Ross County and eventually bought the interests of the other heirs in the place. He remained with his mother, and spent a very active and a useful career. He died as a result of a railway accident in December, 1882. He married Jane E. Davis, who was born in Franklin Township of Ross County, April 22, 1821, and died, August 12, 1852. They became the parents of six children: Martha Foster; Major J. C. Foster; Hannah, who was born in 1844 and died in 1893; John, a resident of Franklin Township; William, who died at the age of twenty-four years; and George, born in 1852 and died in 1881.

Mrs. Martha Foster being a daughter of a substantial and prosperous family was given good educational advantages, attending a private school and finishing her education in the Hillsboro Oakland Female Seminary. In February, 1865, she married James P. Foster. In 1868, they moved out to Kansas, where they were early settlers, and where they lived for eighteen years until the death of Mr. Foster in 1886. Since her husband's death, Mrs. Foster has returned to Ross County and has made her home in Franklin Township near Higby, the old homestead of her grandfather. She is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and her family were prominent in organizing Foster's Chapel, of which she is a member.

JOSEPH S. FULLER. No body of men, perhaps, make more stable and reliable citizens in a town or village than the retired farmers. They usually settle in such communities after years of patient labor on their farms and they bring with them sound judgment and clear views of men and affairs that have ripened in the contemplative life of the farm. Hence they make valuable advisers as well as substantial residents. Among the representative men of this class who lives in comfortable retirement at Bourneville, Ohio, is Joseph S. Fuller, who is respected and esteemed by all his fellow citizens.

Joseph S. Fuller was born in Athens County, Ohio, November 21, 1848. His parents were Seth and Theresa (Dean) Fuller, both of whom were born in Athens County. His maternal grandfather, Nicholson Dean, burned the brick and assisted in the erection of the first building of the Ohio State University at Athens. Mr. Fuller's great-grandfather Pratt was one of the early settlers of Ohio and his great-grandfather Tiles was also a pioneer of Ohio. Seth Fuller acquired 2,000 acres of land in Athens County and carried on large farming and stockraising operations. During the Civil war he bought and shipped horses for the Union army. In 1865 he removed with his family to Ross County and there passed the rest of his life. He belonged to the Masonic fraternity, and he and wife were church members. They had six children. One son, James Fuller, was a member of the Seventy-fifth Ohio Infantry

in the Civil war and was discharged on account of disability. Joseph S. Fuller has one surviving brother, Edward, a farmer in Concord Township, Ross County, and one sister, Maria, the wife of Austin Tinker, of Concord Township.

Joseph S. Fuller was reared to the age of seventeen years on the home farm in Athens County and then accompanied his parents to Ross County, afterward continuing his education for three years in the Frankfort and Concord township schools. He was twenty-one years of age when he began to farm with his father on his own responsibility and continued an agricultural life for many years afterward. Although Mr. Fuller is now retired he still owns a farm of 240 acres of valuable land in Twin Township.

Mr. Fuller was married, December 26, 1869, to Miss Georgianna Hickie, who was born at Hallsville, Ross County, Ohio, December 28, 1850. Her parents were Christopher and Anna (Bender) Hickie, both of whom were born in Virginia and were married there, coming to Ohio before the Civil war. Mr. Hickie became a man of large means and owned 300 acres of land. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have three children: Ora, who is the wife of James Purdum, who is a farmer in Twin Township; Darrell, who married Minnie Newman of Twin Township, Ross County and they live in Colorado and are engaged in the sheep business; and Theresa M., who is the wife of George Murkle of Twin Township. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He casts his vote with the republican party but takes no active part in public affairs of a political nature and has never accepted any political office. He can always be depended upon, however, to lend his influence in the direction of temperance, lawfulness and morality.

JAMES AUGUSTINE DEXTER has lived a life of worthy purpose and of substantial benefit in his home community of Concord Township. Though now retired from active responsibilities and close upon his seventieth year, he can still prove a valuable friend to any movement for betterment that he chooses to assist and is a citizen well entitled to the consideration long paid him.

He was born in Concord Township, September 13, 1847. His father, George M. Dexter, was born in Lincolnshire, England, June 4, 1816, a son of George and Sarah (Mann) Dexter. About 1835 the Dexter family came to America, settling in Concord Township of Ross County in that year. Meanwhile George M. Dexter had acquired a fitting education in England and on coming to America became a school teacher in Ross and Warren counties. He finally settled down to the thrifty work of farming in Concord Township and remained thus engaged until his death on May 4, 1882. George M. Dexter was married in August, 1845, to Miss Mary McNally, who was born in County Derry, Ireland, a daughter of James and Susan McNally, both of whom spent all their lives in Ireland. Mrs. George M. Dexter died in 1886. She was the mother of four children.

Of the two sons, Alfred D. Dexter became distinguished in Ohio by

his noble services as a priest of the Catholic Church. Educated at home and in the common schools, he spent nine years in Mount St. Mary's Seminary at Cincinnati, where he completed his philosophical and theological studies. After graduating from the seminary he was ordained September 23, 1876, by Most Reverend Archbishop Purcell. He delivered his first sermon in St. Mary's Church at Chillicothe, but his first regular appointment was as assistant in Kenton, Ohio. After three years he was transferred to Marysville and while there built a beautiful church in Mechanicsburg, where he conducted a mission from Marysville. In September, 1889, Father Dexter was called to take charge of the large and flourishing church of St. Mary's, Chillicothe. He remained its very popular pastor for about nineteen years and did much to build up the congregation both in material well being and in spiritual power. At the time of his death on April 20, 1915, he was pastor of the church in South Charleston, Ohio. His remains were brought back to Chillicothe and the funeral services were held in St. Mary's Church, where he had said his first mass and sermon.

The career of James Augustine Dexter has been almost continuously identified with farming in Concord Township. The district schools supplied him with his first advantages, and he also attended a collegiate academy in Chillicothe conducted by Prof. George Kelley. Mr. Dexter has long been recognized as a scholarly man, and his early advantages were improved by constant reading and study. He has written many articles for the public press, and his well ordered mind, his long experience, has given him something to say and the power to say it well. However, his real work in the world has been farming. He inherited a valuable farm about two miles west of Frankfort and was actively engaged in its cultivation for many years. While he still owns the farm, he is now enjoying the comforts of retirement in his home at Frankfort.

Without aspiring to office he has nevertheless played an important part in local affairs, and his friends and neighbors have elected him to several local positions. He has been school director and justice of the peace, and while justice he officiated at the trial of some important cases in the township. Evidence of his impartiality and dignity as a judge is found in the fact that not one of the cases was ever appealed to a higher tribunal. Judge Dexter has always been a democrat in politics, and in earlier years did much to further the welfare of his party. Now he is content merely with voting. It was due to him more than to any other individual that the Frankfort and Herrod's Creek Turnpike was made a free highway, relieved from tolls. He has used his influence in many other ways to improve his home town of Frankfort.

On January 25, 1893, Mr. Dexter married Joanna A. Powers, a daughter of John and Catherine Powers. Her parents were born in Ireland and came to America in 1849, bringing with them their four oldest children. They came to this country in an old-fashioned sailing vessel and spent eleven weeks in battling with the winds and waves before they landed in New Orleans. From there they came up the Mississippi River to Cincinnati and then settled in Allen Township of Union

County, where Mrs. Dexter's father was a farmer. He and his wife spent the rest of their days there. Mrs. Dexter was one of seven children.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dexter's marriage were born three children: Alfred Dominic, Mary Kathleen and Elizabeth Maurine. The son, Alfred D., is now serving an apprenticeship at the machinist's trade in Dayton. Elizabeth M. married Kenneth Ater, and they have a son named James Elmer.

The other daughter, Mary Kathleen, had a brief but noble lifetime. She was born April 27, 1895, was graduated from the Frankfort Grammar School in 1910, in July of that year passed the Boxwell-Patterson examination at Chillicothe, then entered the Frankfort High School and was graduated valedictorian of the class of 1914. The following summer she took special work in the Ohio University at Athens and in September began teaching in the Putnam District of Concord Township. Her health soon failed, and on February 3, 1915, her young life was closed with death. She had received her first communion in Greenfield, Ohio, August 4, 1907, and was confirmed by Most Rev. Henry Moeller, D. D., on October 28, 1907. A beautiful tribute to this young girl was paid by Helen Frances O'Hara in the following words:

"Was it the gleam of that happy home that beckoned endless day,
That left the smile on the tender lips as we laid our dear away?
Or was it more? Did an angel band come down and whisper low:
'We waited for you on brighter shores and now we beg you go.
Your earthly home is pure and fair as an earthly home can be,
But we want your lily soul away where is bliss eternally.'
And did they call her thus away? Our flower, our hope, our pride,
And leave our hearts broken and homes bereft when darling Kathleen
died?

Beauty her gifts of face and form, with a lavish hand bestowed.
Kindness, candor, love and truth, in the depths of her bright eyes glowed.
Like a fragrant lily of regal strength, brighting all that shone,
Sweetly in maidenhood's tender blush her spotless soul moved on.
If these were gifts so prized by heaven reflecting its image here;
Those who knew her could not be blamed for holding her likewise dear.
If in our vacant home we look and sigh for her presence still,
If there's a void in our aching hearts which naught on earth can fill,
We look aloft, for we know that death for her was God's sweet day.
Our home was blessed to know the love of an angel flown away."

ROSS COUNTY

By Helena Frances O'Hara

Hail, hail old Ross County thy great rivers teem
As placidly now as in days long ago
When red men stood nigh to the brink of the stream
In hiding for game or in wait of a foe.

The red man is gone, but thy waters leap on ;
Subdued by the hand of the great pioneer
They have since turned the wheel for the flour and meal
And fed generations that lived by them here.

Hail, hail dear Ross County, our homage is thine.
Thine arms hadst first cradled the birth of our state.
Thou nursed her and brought her to liberty's shrine,
And placed her, a star, in our nation so great.
That star's brightest beams on thy valley still gleams
Forever transcending its white light shall fall
Down whence it first sprung, when the state was so young,
It scarce dared to climb the dim rampart at all.

Hail, hail, then, all hail, noble County, to thee
Thy hills o'er thy valleys as monuments stand,
Great watchers in grandeur thy guardians to be
Majestic they tower as sentinels grand
And the blue sky above caresses with love
Those spires of Nature's Cathedral that rise
Teaching man to revere, the lesson taught here
His journey is earth, but his home is the skies.

JOHN GREGG. Two occupations, farming and merchandising, have entered into the career and contributed to the usefulness of John Gregg, than whom there is no better known citizen in Twin Township. His entire life has been spent at Storms Station, where he has been the proprietor of a successful general store business and in the vicinity of which he owns a handsome and well cultivated farming property, and where, for twenty-nine years, he has acted in the capacity of postmaster.

Mr. Gregg was born at Storms Station, Ross County, Ohio, March 18, 1857, a son of Michael and Rebecca (Storms) Gregg, and a grandson of John Gregg, one of the early settlers of Twin Township. After their marriage, the parents of Mr. Gregg located on a farm in this township, and at the time of his death, so well had he managed his affairs, Michael Gregg owned some 300 acres of land, although he had started life with few advantages and but small capital. He and his wife were the parents of three children: Frank, who met his death in an accident on the railroad; Hattie, who is the wife of Samuel Allen, of Bainbridge; and John.

John Gregg was reared on the home farm in Twin Township and received his education in the common schools, which he attended during the winter months until he was twenty-six years of age. He was married in 1882 to Maggie Schoeroltz, who was reared in the same neighborhood and attended the same school, and whose father had been an emigrant to this country from Germany. Two children were born to this union: Gilbert S., a graduate of the graded schools, who married Amy Rhodes and is now engaged in farming in Twin Township; and

Hattie F., also a graduate of the public schools, who resides with her parents.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Gregg settled on a farm in Twin Township and here they have continued to cultivate and develop a handsome and valuable property, on which are many improvements, including a fine set of substantial buildings. After a short period, Mr. Gregg decided to enter mercantile lines and accordingly established himself in business at what was then known as McCurdy, but which was later named Storms Station, in honor of his grandfather, John Storms. He has built up a good and prosperous trade, which extends all over this section, and has established an excellent reputation in business circles as a man of honorable principles and good business acumen. On April 27, 1883, during the administration of President Chester A. Arthur, Mr. Gregg was appointed postmaster at Storms Station, and this post he has held almost without interruption ever since, his service therein extending over twenty-nine years in all. His discharge of the duties of the office has been eminently satisfactory, conscientious and expeditious and he has been able to inaugurate a number of reforms which have given the people better service. In his political views he is a democrat and wields some influence in local affairs. His fraternal connection is with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Chillicothe.

Emerging from the background of the early history of Ross County is the strong and courageous personality of John Storms, whose material wealth was gathered from the soil of Twin Township upon which he was one of the first arrivals, and to the cultivation of which he spent the balance of his life. He was born at Warm Springs, Virginia, in October, 1790, and in 1802 came to Ohio with his parents, who were in more than modest circumstances, his father having lost all his property. Here he grew to manhood, and when, at the outbreak of the War of 1812, a call was issued for six companies of "rangers," he responded as the first volunteer from his state, although, as Mr. Storms afterward said, he "did not know anything about war and was soon sick of the job." However, he had too much grit to give up, and fought safely through the struggle, although on a scouting expedition to Detroit he nearly lost his life. The party was without food for several days, and the young soldier became so weak that he felt he could not continue, begging his companions to proceed without him. He often related in later years many other thrilling experiences encountered while ranging the country with headquarters at Bellefontaine. At the close of the war, Mr. Storms returned to Ross County, Ohio, where the balance of his life was passed and where his death occurred, July 21, 1889. His active career here was passed in agriculture and his operations were phenomenally successful, so that at the time of his death he owned 3,200 acres of land in Ross County, Ohio, and Benton County, Indiana. He married Rachel DeHart, March 2, 1818, and she died in 1856, their children being Jacob, Joseph, Nancy, Eliza, Rebecca, Mary, Elizabeth, Jane, Maria, and Sarah, and there are now living thirty-two grandchildren, forty-seven great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

dren. Mr. Storms was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was an important political factor before, during and after the organization of the county, and was regarded as a man of broad views, sound judgment and invariable moral rectitude.

GEORGE MCCALLA is part owner and active manager of one of the largest stock farms in Ross County. His farm comprises 1,109 acres of land. It lies along the Black Run in both Twin and Huntington townships. Mr. McCalla's home is in Twin Township. He and his partners use this land for the raising of high grade cattle and hogs and they specialize in the feeding of such stock and ship a number of carloads every year. The farm has from 300 to 500 head of hogs on the average, and their cattle herd comprises from 100 to 200 head.

Though his life has been spent in Ross County since infancy, George McCalla was born at Black Hill, England, May 20, 1877. His parents were John and Jane (McClure) McCalla. They were both natives of County Armagh, Ireland, where they were reared. John McCalla went to England when a young man, but subsequently returned to marry Jane McClure, and following their marriage they lived in England for seventeen years. John McCalla was a moulder by trade, and followed that occupation as long as he lived in England. On July 5, 1879, this family arrived in Ross County, locating in Paint Township, where John McCalla bought the farm on which he died in 1896. His widow is still living there. They had seven children, and the three that reached maturity were: Jane, wife of Samuel McCalla of Paint Township, Ross County; Samuel, who died at the age of twenty-four; and George, the youngest of the family.

George McCalla grew up on the home farm in Paint Township and received a district school training in the Mount Olive School. The first twenty years of his life he spent at home and in that time gained a practical acquaintance with the business which he has followed so successfully in later years. For a number of years, Mr. McCalla was employed by William Baird, a prominent cattle buyer, and for him he frequently drove herds of cattle or otherwise conducted them to market. Mr. McCalla finally became associated with William Baird and Fay Baldwin in the purchase of a large farm in Twin and Huntington townships, where Mr. McCalla has since centered his activities. They bought this land in 1906 and since July of that year, Mr. McCalla has had active charge. In this ten years' time the firm has been variously improved with modern facilities and conveniences, and it is undoubtedly one of the largest and best kept stock farms in Southern Ohio.

On May 13, 1897, Mr. McCalla married Mary Shinkle, a daughter of Phillip and Mary Shinkle of Paint Township. Mrs. McCalla was a child when her father died. Her parents were of Pennsylvania Dutch stock. Mr. and Mrs. McCalla had five children: Ralph, Dwight, Alice, Clarke and Ruth, all still at home. The mother of these children died, March 18, 1908. She was a devoted mother and home maker and her memory will always be cherished by her children.

On April 6, 1910, Mr. McCalla married Mary J. Dalzell, who was born in Ireland, a daughter of James and Margaret Dalzell. She grew to womanhood in Ireland and in 1903 came to America to live with a sister in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. It was while living in that city that she became acquainted with Mr. George McCalla. They were married there. Mr. McCalla is affiliated with Chillicothe Lodge No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is a republican in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church at Bourneville. For one term he served as township trustee of Twin Township, and was for one term on the township school board of Paint Township.

JAMES C. GRAGG. For about thirty-five years the mercantile interests of Ross County have been represented at Bourneville by James C. Gragg, who, in addition to having been a general merchant during this time and the proprietor of a business that has been looked upon as a necessary commercial adjunct, has at various times been the incumbent of positions of official importance, in which he has rendered excellent service to his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Gragg was born in Twin Township, Ross County, Ohio, May 21, 1859, and is a son of George W. and Ruth Ann (Gilfillan) Gragg. The family is an old and honored one of this locality, and Mr. Gragg's father was born in Twin Township, September 14, 1832, being a son of James and Catherine (DeVoss) Gragg. James Gragg was born in Virginia, the son of an Irish immigrant, and there grew to young manhood, coming to Ross County, Ohio, as a pioneer, some time between the years 1810 and 1815. Here he was employed as a day laborer for a number of years, and one of the pieces of work in which he was engaged was the building of the Cincinnati Pike, which was constructed in 1839. Mr. Gragg married Catherine DeVoss, who was born in Buckskin Township, Ross County, a daughter of Isaac DeVoss, who was a boy when he came to this county with his father, Joseph DeVoss. He settled in the same neighborhood that had Mr. Gragg. After their marriage, James and Catherine (DeVoss) Gragg took up housekeeping on a farm in Twin Township, where they passed the remaining years of their lives in the quiet pursuits of the tiller of the soil. They were the parents of the following children: Samuel, Michael, Andrew, James, George W., and William.

George W. Gragg grew to manhood in Twin Township, Ross County, in the valley of Paint Creek, and in 1857 was married to Ruth Ann Gilfillan. They settled in Twin Township and rented for several years, until Mr. Gragg's energy and industry were rewarded by the accumulation of sufficient capital with which to purchase a property. There Mrs. Gragg died in 1893, while Mr. Gragg survived until August 22, 1910. Both were held in the highest esteem in their community, and were known as people possessing many excellent qualities of mind and heart. They became the parents of five children, as follows: Alexander, who died in infancy; James C.; Ida, who is the wife of H. L. Corcoran, of Twin Township; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of Clinton

Cockerell; and Adam, who died when twenty-one years of age. G. W. Gragg was an uncompromising democrat in politics, and his belief in and loyalty to his party was so strong that he really made it his life hobby, without seeking personal reward.

The Gilfillan family, of which Mrs. Gragg was a member, originally owned and inhabited the Island of Mull, just off the west coast of Scotland. At an early date they became embroiled in a feud with the MacDougall clan of Lorne, and the Gilfillans were entirely exterminated, with the exception of two of the wives of younger chieftains, who swam to the mainland and found refuge there. Not long thereafter each gave birth to twin sons, from whom sprang all the Gilfillans now living. The foregoing is an extract from the "Doomsday Book," London. The Gilfillans were entitled to a coat of arms on which was inscribed: "Armis Et Animis," meaning "By Force of Arms and Strength of Mind." At the time of a religious persecution in Scotland, some of the Gilfillan clan sought refuge in Ireland, and there, in County Derry, in 1761, was born Thomas Gilfillan. He married Agnes High, a native of County Down, born in 1760, and as a young married couple they emigrated to the United States and settled in Kentucky. There a large family of children were born, and eventually the family moved to Ross County, where the original founders of the family in this country died, and where their children's children still live to perpetuate the name. When Thomas Gilfillan came to the United States, he brought with him a brother, Adam Gilfillan, who became one of the scouts in the surveying expedition of Nathaniel Massie and was wounded in 1796 at what was afterward called Reeves Crossing.

The second son of Thomas and Agnes Gilfillan was Alexander Gilfillan, who was born in Kentucky, in 1788. He married Elizabeth Monroe, daughter of Alexander and Sarah (McCoy) Monroe, in 1813. Both Alexander Gilfillan and Alexander Monroe fought as soldiers in the War of 1812, in which struggle the former was a captain of militia. Ruth Ann Gilfillan was the daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Monroe) Gilfillan, and was born in 1828, in Twin Township, Ross County, Ohio. She became the wife of George W. Gragg.

James C. Gragg was given his education in the district schools and was reared on the home farm, where he assisted his father until he was twenty years of age. At that time he came to Bourneville, where he secured a position as clerk in the general store of Joseph Burgess, with whom he learned the mercantile business. Mr. Gragg remained in Mr. Burgess' employ for some eight or ten years, during which time he became well known to the people of this community as a young man of solidity, resource and ability. He carefully husbanded his earnings, learned all he could of business methods and customs, and in 1885, when appointed postmaster of Bourneville, opened a business establishment of his own. At the end of four years his term of office expired with a change in the administration, but he continued in business, and has done so ever since. In 1893 he was again appointed as postmaster,

holding that office for five years, and in 1913 his son, J. Rodney Gragg, was given the postmastership.

In June, 1888, Mr. Gragg was married to Miss Margaret Shoults, who was born in 1866, in Twin Township, a daughter of Alexander and Sarah E. (Shotts) Shoults. Alexander Shoults was born in Twin Township, October 13, 1833, a son of John and Mary (Flood) Shoults. John Shoults came to Ross County, Ohio, from Rockingham County, Virginia, about the year 1800, with his parents, Charles and Drucilla (Howard) Shoults. Sarah E. Shotts, who became the wife of Alexander Shoults, was born in Heller's Bottom, Twin Township, August 25, 1845, a daughter of David and Catherine (Long) Shotts, the family having come from Augusta County, Virginia, in 1809. David Shotts was a scout under "Mad Anthony" Wayne, was the first settler of the family in Ross County, and met his death during a thunder storm, in 1825, while seeking shelter under a tree. His wife was Mary Wagner, who, as a small girl, gave Gen. George Washington a drink of water on one of his surveying tours in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. David Shotts was the father of a large family of children, among whom the seventh in order of birth was Jacob, who married Sarah Toops, December 31, 1817. They became the parents of David Shotts, the father of Sarah E. Shotts, who married Alexander Shoults. Sarah Toops was descended from Paul Streve (or Streevey), who was born in Germany in 1755 and came to Northampton County, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in 1776 as a private in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war and fought through that struggle. Catherine Long was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Thomas) Long, and it was the father of Elizabeth, Michael Thomas, who, with Duncan McArthur, were given the first two lots at Chillicothe as a grant.

Mr. and Mrs. Gragg are the parents of three children: J. Rodney, of Bourneville, postmaster, and associated with his father in business; Elizabeth, who is the wife of C. U. Ebenback, of Chillicothe; and Foss Hunter, at home. J. Rodney Gragg is a member of the Masons and Odd Fellows. He was married October 18, 1915, to Miss Hazel Free, daughter of the late Joseph Free, of Paxton Township, Ross County.

James C. Gragg is prominent in Masonry, being a member of Bainbridge Lodge, No. 193, Free and Accepted Masons; Chillicothe Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; Chillicothe Council, No. 8; and Chillicothe Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar. He also holds membership in Paint Valley Lodge, No. 437, Knights of Pythias, at Bainbridge; Bourneville Lodge, No. 808, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His political support is given to the democratic party. As a live, progressive member of his community he has assisted in the enterprises that have made for civic improvement, and his standing as a citizen and as an honorable man of business is of the very highest.

ADAM SCHILLER. A great many people in Ross County know Adam Schiller through his services as a teacher. He was one of the popular

educators of the county for a number of years, but is now a substantial farmer living on rural route No. 2 out of Lyndon, in Twin Township.

His family has been identified with Ross County for several generations. He was born in Huntington Township of this county September 15, 1873, a son of Richard and Sophia (Hamm) Schiller. Both his parents were also natives of Huntington Township. The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. August Schiller, were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married, and on coming to the United States they settled in Huntington Township of Ross County, where they spent the rest of their days. They were the parents of the following children: Richard, Herman, Otto and Edmund. Of these, the sons Herman and Edmund were both soldiers in the Civil war.

Richard Schiller and wife had three children: Adam, August and Helena. The daughter is now deceased, and August is a farmer living in Twin Township.

Adam Schiller spent the first twelve years of his life in his parents' home in Huntington Township, and then went to Twin Township to live with his uncle, Adam Hamm. While taking his place as a working member in the Hamm household he also attended school, and was finally graduated from the Twin Township High School. After that he qualified as a teacher and followed that vocation for ten winters. In the meantime he was steadily pursuing farming, and that is now his permanent vocation.

In April, 1904, Mr. Schiller married Mary Absten. She was born in West Virginia. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Schiller lived on Lower Twin, in Twin Township, and they finally located on their present farm. They are the parents of four children: Viola, Bernard, Edwin and Mildred. Mrs. Schiller is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a republican in politics. He is a quiet, unassuming citizen, does his part as a resident of his community, and is hard working and for several years has been on the high road to success.

L. D. MILLER. Left an orphan at an early age, L. D. Miller, now a well-known and substantial farmer of Twin Township, had to start life on his own account and also bear the burdens of others. He has made a good use of his years, and has not only accomplished much, but has linked honor and probity with his name.

He was born in Pike County, Ohio, December 14, 1866, a son of John and Julia (Kaplinger) Miller. Both parents were natives of Ohio, and his mother was born in Ross County. John Miller was given a public school education, was married in Ross County, and then located on a farm in Pike County. For a number of years he lived there, and later sold out and moved to Ross County, where he spent the rest of his days. He died at the age of forty-three, leaving his widow to care for the family of young children. His wife died a few years later. She was an active member of the Christian Union Church. The six children were: Andrew, now retired; L. D. Miller; John B., deceased; Jennie,

wife of Ed Hern, of Scioto Township; Nora A., deceased; and William T., a merchant and carpenter.

L. D. Miller grew up in Twin Township and had a limited education in the common schools. When about fifteen years of age he determined that he would earn his own way and help support the family. Since then his life has been one of consecutive endeavor, and after becoming independent he was married on February 16, 1889, to Miss Mary Kappinger. She was born and reared in the same township.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Miller began a life of simple living and extreme economy. Mr. Miller worked by the month for six or seven years, and finally got the start which enabled him to acquire a homestead and home of his own. He now owns a first-class farm of 105 acres on rural route No. 1 out of Bourneville. All that he has was made by his own efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller had two children, but both of them died in infancy. Mrs. Miller is an active member of the Christian Union Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 52 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Chillicothe, and politically he is a democrat, though in no sense a politician or seeker for public honors.

SAMUEL A. STEELE. As farmer and cattle breeder, Samuel A. Steele, tenant on the Diggs farm in Twin Township, Ross County, Ohio, has shown much enterprise and has met with considerable success in his undertakings. He is not unknown politically in the township and has membership in one of the county's exclusive social organizations.

Samuel A. Steele was born in Twin Township, Ross County, March 7, 1889. His parents were James G. and Alice (Igo) Steele. His father was born in 1840 on Paint Creek, in Paxton Township, Ross County, and died in April, 1910. He was well known and highly respected, an elder in the Presbyterian Church and was a republican in politics. The mother of Samuel A. Steele was born in Twin Township, May 2, 1852, and now resides in Chillicothe. Of the ten children in the family, Samuel A. was the ninth in order of birth.

Mr. Steele's childhood and youth were passed on the home farm. He was given educational advantages, attending the common schools and the high school in Twin Township, and afterward took a course in the Bliss Business College at Columbus. He is a heavy breeder of polled Durham cattle and of other high-grade stock, and owns an interest in a famous prize-winning Belgian horse.

Almost from boyhood Mr. Steele has been interested in politics, and party confidence has been placed in him at all times by the citizens of Twin Township, and it was shown when he was made a member of the republican county central committee, in which office he served for four years, and when he was elected a township trustee, although but twenty-two years old. He is one of the township's popular young men and is a member of the Chillicothe Country Club.

J. S. WILTSHIRE, M. D. Among the men of Ross County who are devoting their energies and talents to the practice of medicine and

surgery, few bring to bear upon their vocation larger gifts of scholarship and resource than Dr. J. S. Wiltshire, of Gillespieville. Doctor Wiltshire did not select his life work in the untried enthusiasm of extreme youth, but made his choice at a time when his mind had become matured and trained to thoughtfulness by years of practical experience as an educator and to full realization of the possibilities and responsibilities of his profession.

Doctor Wiltshire was born at Mooresville, Harrison Township, Ross County, Ohio, February 1, 1860, and is a son of Dr. J. M. and Mary (Sutherland) Wiltshire, natives of Ohio. There were four children in the family: William H., who is engaged in farming near Gillespieville; Dr. James S.; Mary F., who is the wife of F. A. Counts and lives at Richmond Dale; and J. E., whose home is at Vigo. The father, who was born in 1834, is still engaged in the practice of medicine at Richmond Dale. James S. Wiltshire was about one year old when the family moved to Massieville, Ohio, and about one year later was taken to Londonderry, where he attended the public school. Later he went to school at Chillicothe, and supplemented this by attendance at the National Normal School, at Lebanon, Ohio, where he took a teacher's course. For a period of sixteen years, from 1877 until 1893, he followed the vocation of educator and during this time was for two years principal at Londonderry and for a like period at the Sharonville High School. In 1893 he entered the Starling Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio, and in 1897 was graduated therefrom with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and took first honorable mention in his class. In the summer of 1895 he completed a course at the Ohio Maternity Hospital, under the tutelage of Doctors Zinke and Tate, and at once commenced practice in association with his father at Gillespieville. Here he has continued to the present time. His skill in diagnosis and his successful treatment of long standing and complicated cases have created a gratifying demand for his services and have combined to formulate a career of exceptional breadth and usefulness. To a thorough professional equipment he adds a kindly and sympathetic manner, a genuine attachment to his calling and a ready adaptation to its multitudinous and exacting demands. He holds membership in the Ohio State Medical Society and the Ross County Medical Society, and keeps fully abreast of the various advancements constantly being made in the profession. Politically a republican, he has been elected on that party's ticket to the office of township clerk, the duties of which he performed most satisfactorily. Doctor Wiltshire has been successful in a material way, and is the owner of 310 acres of land in Ross County.

In 1903 Doctor Wiltshire was united in marriage with Miss Anna Thomas, the youngest daughter of Joseph Thomas, and they are the parents of one son: John M., Jr., born in 1906.

GIDEON S. COOVER, who has had a long and useful relationship with Ross County, as soldier, farmer, public official and public-spirited citizen, represents a family that came to this section of Ohio at the beginning of the last century.

His ancestry goes back to Gideon Coover, who was born in 1738 and spent his life in Pennsylvania. He was one of those earnest patriots who offered their lives for the sake of independence during the Revolutionary war. He served as a private in Capt. James MacCurdy's company, Third Battalion, Cumberland County Militia, in 1783. His colonel was Samuel Erwin. This revolutionary soldier married Frances Stahle, and they became the parents of nine children.

Their son Gideon, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1775, emigrated from that state in 1800 and subsequently bought the farm now owned by the Rodes heirs, seven miles west of Chillicothe, on the Cincinnati Pike. About 1820 Gideon Coover, with a party of others, went to New Orleans, taking a flatboat laden with flour, pork, hops and other provisions. After arriving at New Orleans he disposed of his cargo, and while in that city was infected with the germs of yellow fever. The yellow fever scourge then and for years afterward came periodically to all gulf ports. He was on his way home before the nature of his illness was recognized. The captain at first refused to carry him any further and talked of throwing him overboard. He was finally prevailed upon to take the stricken man as far as Baton Rouge, where he was put ashore, and he died at the home of a minister whom he had previously known. His remains were laid to rest in that southern city. Gideon Coover married Jane Downs, and at his death he left a widow and nine children. The names of the children were: John, Adam, James, William, Samuel, Nancy, Frances, Jane and Mary. John married Adah McKenzie; Adam married Hannah Hyatt; James married Mary A. Breedalove; William married Cynthia Edmiston; Nancy married Henry Haines; Frances married Kirtus Cryder; Mary married John Teter; Samuel and Jane died after they were grown, unmarried.

Adam Coover, father of Gideon S., was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, January 5, 1812. His wife, Hannah Hyatt, was born in Pennsylvania, October 30, 1813, and as a girl came to Ohio with her grandparents, who located near Chillicothe. After their marriage, Adam and Hannah Coover started out to establish a home with very little capital. For several years he worked on a farm at small wages, while his wife looked after the cooking and other duties of the household. Subsequently they rented a farm and finally bought a place. Adam Coover prospered through his industry and honorable dealings, and eventually owned more than 400 acres. He and his wife were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and they helped organize Core's Chapel, now the Beach Grove Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he voted with the democrats until the Civil war, and afterwards was a republican. Adam Coover died December 23, 1889, while his wife, Hannah, passed away December 27th of the same year. They had lived happily together for fifty-six years, having been married August 8, 1833. Their children were: Mary Jane, born July 1, 1834, and died January 27, 1835; William Hyatt, born December 2, 1835, married Catherine Bristol, and died May 23, 1910; Maria Elizabeth, born March 19, 1838, married A. T. Foster, and died April 22, 1886; Gideon Samuel, who was born

June 1, 1843, and is the immediate subject of this article; Franklin Eddy, born August 21, 1885, married Maria Grimes, and now living in Delaware, Ohio.

Gideon S. Coover, who was born in Twin Township of Ross County seventy-three years ago, has spent practically all his life in Ross County. He received his early education while living on the home farm in Twin Township, but has profited a great deal from practical experience with men and affairs. Before he was twenty-one years of age he enlisted, on May 2, 1864, in Company I of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This was one of the hundred-days regiments and was in the battle at Monocacy, that saved Washington City. This One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment was placed on the B. & O. National Pike and was the means of saving the city, as General Grant said in his report, "They saved Washington." He was in the service four months and was mustered out and given his honorable discharge August 30, 1864. While he was in the army he passed his twenty-first birthday, and in the following fall he gave his first vote to the republican candidate for President, Abraham Lincoln. Since then he has steadfastly supported the republican party in all its campaigns. On November 20, 1866, Mr. Coover married Mary J. McKenzie. Mrs. Coover was born in Bourneville, Ross County, September 17, 1846. She died April 14, 1898. She was also of a very old and prominent American family, and her children are entitled to membership in the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution through either their paternal or maternal ancestry. Mrs. Coover's grandfather, Joshua McKenzie, was a drummer in Lieut.-Col. Ludwig Waltner's Maryland-German Regiment in the Revolution. Her father, Eli McKenzie, was a soldier in the War of 1812 and was also a drummer.

Mr. and Mrs. Coover had eight children, one of whom died in infancy, and the seven now living are: Myrtle O., who was born September 21, 1867, was educated in the common schools and also the South Salem Academy, has taught for a number of years and also took the training course in the Red Cross Training School at Philadelphia; Adah M., the wife of J. L. Sonner, of Delaware, Ohio; Alice M., wife of Frank S. McKenzie, of Bourneville; Jessie R., wife of Fred E. Vore, of Bourneville; Nannie H., wife of F. E. Crites, of Barberton, Ohio; Samuel A., who married Cora Beard and they live at Amarillo, Texas; and McKenzie C., who married Mary Shultz and lives at Delaware, Ohio.

Mr. Coover has spent most of his life as a farmer, but for thirty years was an auctioneer, selling real and personal property on farms and at stock sales. His services were in large demand, and he presided over many important sales at Chillicothe, Bainbridge, South Salem and Bourneville. On July 1, 1903, he was appointed mail carrier from Storms, which was transferred to Bourneville after eight years, and has since given an efficient and competent service in this capacity. For a number of years he served as township trustee, also as assessor in Buckskin and Twin townships, and is a man in whom public spirit is always uppermost as a guiding principle. He is one of the prominent

members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in his locality, and for many years was superintendent of the Sunday school and now is a trustee and treasurer of Bourneville Church. Mr. Coover has thirteen grandchildren.

DAVID SUMMERS. In David Summers, Ross County has an able conservator of its agricultural interests, as well as a faithful promoter of those important adjuncts to community life, good schools and good roads. He is one of the substantial land holders of Twin Township, where he owns the Baum farm of 197 acres, lying off the Cynthiana Pike, three miles from Bourneville, on which he makes his residence, as well as 500 acres of land elsewhere in the township. Mr. Summers was born in this township, on the Upper Twin Road, August 20, 1866, and is a son of Samuel and Jane (Purdum) Summers.

Samuel Summers was born in Virginia, and was still a small lad when brought to Ross County, Ohio, by his parents. He received his education in the early subscription schools and grew to manhood as a farmer, and, when he entered upon his own career started with nothing but his energy, industry and ambition to assist him, as his father was not in circumstances in which he could afford to give his son a start in a financial way. Mr. Summers was a day laborer in the fields for several years, next became a renter, and finally was able to purchase a small farm of his own. As the years passed he added from time to time to his holdings, and through the medium of his own efforts became the owner of nearly 600 acres of land. He was a quiet, unassuming man, who attended strictly to his own affairs, but was looked upon as a good and progressive citizen and as a kind and generous neighbor. He and his wife were the parents of three children: Maggie, who died in young womanhood; Sallie, deceased, who was the wife of the late Jacob Baum; and David.

David Summers received his education in the Bourneville schools and was reared to manhood on his father's farm. When ready to choose his life's vocation, he readily adopted agricultural work, in which he had been trained from earliest boyhood, and for which he had a natural predilection. While he has always been engaged in general farming and has made a success of his enterprises in that direction, he is inclined to make a specialty of feeding cattle, and in this field is accounted one of the leading men of the county, shipping two or three carloads every season. Ever since arriving at the responsible age, Mr. Summers has been an apostle of industry, and has practiced economy, temperance and thrift. He is well posted on current events, and one of the public-spirited, far-seeing and dependable men of the community. In political matters he is a republican, and his religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church. He has built and rebuilt, fenced, ditched and improved generally, and has a delightful home and profitable property.

Mr. Summers was married January 30, 1886, to Miss Fannie Kerns, daughter of William and Jane Kerns, of South Salem, Ross County, Ohio, Mr. Kerns being a retired farmer and Union veteran of the Civil

war, in which he fought as a volunteer. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Summers: Mabel, who died in infancy; Nellie, a graduate of the Bourneville schools, and now residing at home; and William S., of Bourneville, who married Malinda Stoultz.

SAMPSON SHOEMAKER. It is the ambition of nearly every man when he is arrived at the age of three score and ten to point out some worthy accomplishment and to look over a lifetime well and worthily lived. All that and more is the form of satisfaction granted to Sampson Shoemaker, of Twin Township. Mr. Shoemaker when a youth was one of the valiant fighters for the cause of the Union during the Civil war. He has spent the greater part of his life as a practical farmer and good citizen in Ross County, and is still living on his fine homestead of 242 acres in Twin Township. His farm is one of the conspicuous landmarks along the old Limestone Road, one of the oldest roads in the state. He is successfully engaged, and has been engaged for many years, not only in the raising of crops but in the producing of high grades of livestock. He has some fine hogs, cattle and sheep, and owns two of the best bulls in the county.

Mr. Shoemaker was born near Sinking Springs, in Highland County, Ohio, February 28, 1843, a son of Martin and Annie (Purgett) Shoemaker. Martin Shoemaker was born in Virginia and came to Highland County, Ohio, as a lad with his parents. After reaching manhood he bought the home place from his parents near Sinking Springs and lived a useful and industrious life there until his death in 1853. His widow survived him until the age of seventy-six. Martin Shoemaker and wife had nine children, eight of whom reached maturity, and two are now living: Frederick, who died in 1916; Amy, deceased; Lydia Ann, who died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, wife of Eli Runyons; Sampson; William, deceased; Priscilla Ann, who died at Belfast, Ohio; Allen, who operates the home farm in Highland County; and Amanda, deceased wife of James Robey, a miller in Highland County.

Sampson Shoemaker spent the first twenty years of his life with his parents in Highland County. In the meantime he had attended the common schools, and heavy responsibilities were early thrust upon his youthful shoulders. At the age of sixteen he took charge of the home farm. In 1863 Mr. Shoemaker volunteered for service in the Union army. He went out with Company E of the Eleventh Ohio Cavalry, under Colonel Collins, and spent more than three years in the war. Part of the time he was corporal, and he also served in Company L of the Eleventh Regiment.

He was mustered out of service in 1866. Returning home, he lived in Highland County until his marriage to Miss Esther Angeline Smith. During their twenty-five years of married companionship, terminated by the death of Mrs. Shoemaker, thirteen children were born, six sons and seven daughters. Ten of them are still living: D. A., who is an extensive farmer in the State of Washington; Alvin H., in the grocery business in California; Harvey A., who lives in Newark, Ohio; F. M.,

connected with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and living at Washington Court House; Frank L., who lives in Jackson, Ohio; Martin M., of Gooding, Idaho; Etta, wife of Leo Fels, of Belfast, Highland County; Louisa, wife of Fred Fels, of Twin Township, Ross County; Mettie, wife of Charles Shoults, of Gooding, Idaho; and Lena, wife of Floyd Long, of Twin Township.

For the first year after his marriage Mr. Shoemaker lived on the home farm as a renter, and a year after that he came to the place he has ever since occupied in Twin Township. His has been a steadily prosperous career. His first land holdings in Ross County comprised 100 acres, and he has added to that until he has a fine farm with all the improvements, including 242 acres.

After the death of his first wife, Mr. Shoemaker married Miss Viola Belle Seaman, a daughter of Sylvester Seaman, of Adams County, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker have one child, Anna Grace, now three years of age. Mr. Shoemaker is a past noble grand of Paint Valley Lodge, No. 808, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Bourneville. For the past eight years he has served as commander of the Silas D. Prater Post, No. 530, Grand Army of the Republic, at Bourneville. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for a number of years he has served as trustee and financial elder. Politically he is a democrat, and for one year held the office of township constable.

JOHN M. ROTROFF is one of the old and honored residents of Twin Township of Ross County, and for many years has successfully conducted a general mercantile establishment at Nipgen. He is also former postmaster of that place, and is spending the closing years of a long and fruitful life still engaged in a useful service to his community.

He was born in Highland County, Ohio, near Sugar Tree Ridge, on March 6, 1839, but represents one of the pioneer Ross County families. His parents were John and Nancy (Naylor) Rotroff, his father a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of Ohio. The paternal grandfather, Jonas Rotroff, came to Ross County as early as 1803. He lived in that section only a short time and, after moving to Chillicothe, went on to Highland County, where he died. John Rotroff was a resident of Highland County during all his active years and was well known in that section of the state. He was a republican in politics, and an active member of the Christian Church. He was the father of ten children, and the three now living are: John M.; Hannah J., wife of Ethan A. Walker, of Highland County; and Nancy, wife of Edward Carr.

John M. Rotroff grew up on his father's farm in Highland County. He made the best possible use of the advantages in the local schools, and in early life he himself became a teacher and spent four years in that work in Highland, Brown and Adams counties.

Mr. Rotroff married Ernestine Carr. Of the ten children born to their union, only three are now living: William, of Lima, Ohio; Lewis, of Springfield; and Rosa, wife of Harry Yowler. The mother of these children died June 1, 1888. On June 9, 1889, Mr. Rotroff married Cath-

erine Waldren. She was born at Carpenter Station in Meigs County, Ohio, October 18, 1855, a daughter of Henry and Rebecca Jones. She was reared in Pike County, Ohio, attended the common schools and married for her first husband James D. Waldren, on December 24, 1882. The only child of their marriage died young. Mr. Waldren died June 22, 1888.

Mr. and Mrs. Retroff are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is one of the trustees of his home society. Politically he has always been identified with the republican party, and is a citizen whose name means a great deal in Ross County. For seventeen years he has conducted a successful store in Twin Township, and he served as postmaster until the office was abolished.

JOHN T. DOWLER has been well known in Ross County for a great many years. He owns a large amount of the fine farming land in this and adjoining counties, and is also a successful merchant at Nippen.

He was born in Athens County, Ohio, January 2, 1850. His parents were Richard and Elizabeth (Jordan) Dowler, his father a native of Pennsylvania and his mother of Morgan County, Ohio. His mother grew up in that section of Ohio and lived there until her marriage. After their marriage, Richard Dowler and wife located on a farm in Athens County. There he successfully followed farming and became the owner of 130 acres. In 1867 he moved to Ross County, locating in Twin Township, and finally traded his farm of 360 acres for a store at Good Hope. That place was his home until the death of his wife, when he returned to Athens County and remained a resident there until he passed away. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for over thirty years he was one of the class leaders. There were six children born to Richard Dowler and wife, and the four now living are: Isaac, a retired farmer living at Lawrence, Kansas; Almeda, wife of John Young, living in Athens County; Alice, widow of Joseph Moore, living near New Holland, in Pickaway County; and John T. The son Lorenzo gave his life for his country while a soldier of the Union army during the Civil war.

John T. Dowler was seventeen years of age when his father moved to Ross County. He had previously attended the public schools of Athens County, and completed his education in Ross. He has lived in this county nearly half a century and has accomplished a great deal worthy of the notice and recognition of mankind. He lived at home until he was twenty-one, and on starting out for himself had neither capital nor any special experience except in farm work. He accepted any employment that offered, and for two years dug coal in the mines. Later he took an interest in a store and has been more or less actively engaged in the mercantile business for a great many years. At the present time Mr. Dowler owns more than 400 acres of land in Ross and Pike counties. He also owns property in Washington Court House, and his activities as a business man were formerly quite widely dispersed over this section of Ohio. He was in the grain business at Williamsport

and Good Hope, and also at one time manufactured drain tile on a large scale.

Mr. Dowler married Emma Pennisten, who was born in Pike County, Ohio, in 1847. She was the daughter of Joseph Pennisten, a pioneer of Ross County. Mrs. Dowler's mother, Sarah Ann Hill, was a native of Highland County, Ohio. She lived to be eighty-nine years old. Mrs. Dowler is the granddaughter of two revolutionary soldiers. Of the four children born to them, Mr. and Mrs. Dowler have only one still living, Edwin E. Edwin graduated from the Washington Court House High School and from the State University, and is now actively engaged in business with his father. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Washington Court House, while Mr. Dowler belongs to Heber Lodge, No. 501, Free and Accepted Masons, and politically is a republican, though he has never sought nor cared for office.

FRED M. OGLE. The elements of character depicted in the best type of American manhood are energy, enterprise, integrity and a loyal spirit manifested by devotion to the general good along lines pertaining to public progress and improvement. Among the citizens of Ross County who exhibit these qualities in a marked degree is Fred M. Ogle, a successful farmer living on route No. 2 out of Bainbridge, in Paxton Township.

In the house where he now resides he was born March 8, 1879, a son of John W. and Rosa L. (Collins) Ogle. His father was born in Paxton Township of Ross County, March 14, 1859, and died July 20, 1886. The mother, who was born in Kentucky, February 3, 1861, came in girlhood to Bainbridge, Ohio, was married there, and she died August 11, 1881, when her son Fred was less than three years of age. There was one other son, Harry Ogle, who is a farmer in Highland County, Ohio.

After the death of his mother, Fred M. Ogle lived with his Grandmother Ogle, who took excellent care of him and gave him a good home training and an education in the local schools. His Grandmother Ogle was born January 10, 1825, and died February 3, 1908. At one time she owned more than 500 acres of land in Ross County.

Fred Ogle bought 135 acres of his grandmother's estate, and has since enjoyed much success in its cultivation, and he is also a man of great public spirit in his locality. For nine years he served as a member of the Paxton County School Board. Politically he is a republican.

On February 23, 1908, he married Grace Mercer, who was born in Pike County, Ohio, April 5, 1888, and was reared in this state. Mr. and Mrs. Ogle have three children: Collins M., born August 29, 1909; Faith, born July 14, 1911; and Rosalie, born November 2, 1913.

J. B. F. MORGAN, M. D. A genial old-time physician who did his first professional work more than half a century ago and for many years has lived retired at Clarksburg, Doctor Morgan is now in the eightieth year of his age, and his life has been one of signal usefulness and honor in his community. He is a native of Ross County, and has spent most of his active career within its limits.

As a native son he has been more than ordinarily interested and active in preserving the early history of this county. Many articles from the pen of Doctor Morgan have appeared in various publications and have served to enrich the historical literature of this section of Ohio. His sketch of the life of Col. John McDonald is prominent among his productions. Doctor Morgan has in manuscript the history of the Methodist Church of Southern Ohio. For many years he has been one of the leading advocates of the temperance cause. His influence and energies have gone to benefit his community in many directions.

His birth occurred in Concord Township of Ross County May 26, 1837. He comes of old and notable American ancestry. The first of the name concerning whom there is accurate information was Thomas Morgan, who was born in Virginia in 1670, and spent his life in that old commonwealth. His son, Lewis Morgan, great-grandfather of Doctor Morgan, was born in Bedford County, Virginia, in 1728. He married Christina White, who was born in Virginia in 1730.

Lewis Morgan founded the family name west of the Alleghenies in Tennessee. He, with his wife, moved to East Tennessee previous to 1786, and later moved to Pulaski County, Kentucky, where he died in 1814 and his wife in 1816. They became the parents of three children, Thomas, Amaziah and Adonijah. Amaziah was captured by the Indians in Virginia when he was five years of age and carried into the wilderness to Paint Valley, which is located in what is now Ross County, Ohio. Ten years later he was discovered by some Indian traders. His father was notified of his discovery, and soon an attempt was made to recover him. The father made various offers for his release, but without avail. By his own will he remained with his captors, married an Indian woman and reared three daughters. He was killed as a chief fighting with the Indians in St. Clair's defeat.

Adonijah Morgan was born May 6, 1765, in Virginia, and was quite young when his parents moved to Tennessee. In Green County of that state he married Isabell Jane McMahon. She was born July 21, 1765. In 1800 they moved to Pulaski County, Kentucky, and in 1818 to Fayette County, Indiana, where Adonijah died December 27, 1827, and his wife, July 20, 1829. These parents reared six sons and five daughters. One son, Amaziah, located in Ross County, Ohio, at Paint Valley, in 1810. He was married to Mary Ford in 1814. He served as a mounted ranger in the War of 1812, volunteering from Ross County. At the close of that struggle he was elected colonel of the State Militia. In 1818 he became one of the first settlers of Rush County, Indiana, and assisted in the organization of that county, being a member of the first board of county commissioners and the first state senator elected from that county. He was repeatedly elected to the State Senate, serving fifteen years with credit and distinction. He also continued his activities in the State Militia, being elected a brigadier-general and finally major-general. At the time of his death he was the candidate for governor of Indiana on the whig ticket, 1839.

Another son of Adonijah Morgan was Lewis Morgan, who settled in

the wilds of what is now Shelby County, Indiana, and lived there when his nearest neighbor was fifty miles away. Erecting a commodious log house, he operated a tavern to accommodate the hunters and explorers, and when Shelby County was organized was elected a member of the Legislature. He was a preacher of the United Baptist Church. In 1834 he was appointed by the Missionary Baptists of New York as a traveling missionary to establish Sunday schools. Subsequently he moved to Illinois and from there to Iowa, and died in the latter state.

Col. White Morgan, father of Doctor Morgan, was born in Eastern Tennessee April 11, 1794, and was six years of age when his parents moved to Kentucky. He lived in that state until 1818, in which year he came to Ross County. On the 20th of March of that year he married Mariah Louisa McDonald, daughter of Col. John McDonald, the pioneer author of Ross County. White Morgan had learned the trade of stone mason and followed it for a number of years in connection with farming. On March 21, 1820, he settled on a farm two miles north of Bloomingburg in Fayette County, but in February, 1826, moved to the McDonald farm in Twin Township of Ross County. In 1829 he bought a farm in Concord Township. Concord Church now stands upon that land. That was his home until his death, February 20, 1869. His wife was born December 14, 1802, and died September 20, 1887.

White Morgan had a strong and active mind. He possessed a memory that was equalled by few and excelled by none. He never would accept public office other than military. For that he had a liking. During the days of the militia muster he served in the capacity of major and of lieutenant-colonel. He was six feet high, straight as an Indian and possessed a magnificent voice. He had the credit of being one of the best regimental commanders in Ohio. He and his wife reared ten children: John M., Adonijah, Amaziah, Henrietta, William Lewis, Louisa Jane, Enos White, Dr. J. B. Finley, Catherine and Oscar White. Of these children William Lewis learned the trade of carpenter, subsequently became a farmer and still later a merchant in South Salem and Williamsport, was one of the ardent prohibitionists of his time, and died at the age of eighty years. Another son, Oscar White Morgan, was born December 9, 1846, was educated in the district schools and at the preparatory school at Lebanon conducted by Professor Holbrook, and spent twenty-eight years as a teacher in the schools of Ross and Pickaway counties. He is now living at Clarksburg.

Within the personal recollection of Doctor Morgan nearly all the important developments in Ross County have taken place. He was a boy when the first railroads were built through Ohio. He was born the same year that the telegraph became general as an instrument for rapid transmission of news (1837). He cast his first vote in a presidential campaign when the whig party was still in existence. In the meantime he had attended the district school and the high school at Frankfort in Ross County, and began the study of medicine under Dr. William Latta at Frankfort. Doctor Morgan began the practice of medicine at Jasper in Pike County, Ohio, in 1863. For the preceding

three years he had taught school. When General Morgan's Confederate raiders came through Pike County they invaded his home and office and appropriated practically all his possessions. He then moved to Pancoastburg in Fayette County, and was in active practice there until 1868. In 1863 he had attended his first course of lectures in the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati, and in 1868 returned to that institution, where he was graduated M. D. in 1869. Following that he located in Clarksburg, soon had built up an extensive practice which kept him almost constantly riding and driving about the country, and he continued to look after the bodily and mental health of his patients for many years. In 1900 Doctor Morgan retired from active practice, and has since found employment for his many cultivated tastes in his home at Clarksburg.

On October 25, 1869, Doctor Morgan married Mrs. Annette (Loafburrow) Parker. She is a daughter of Lemuel P. Loafburrow and the widow of Lieut. Joseph Parker, who served with that rank in Company G of the One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he was killed while leading his company in a charge at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, Georgia, June 27, 1864. By her first marriage Mrs. Morgan has one son, Albert Ross Parker, who married Theodosia Brown and they have a daughter, Ursula.

Doctor and Mrs. Morgan had one son, Rea White Morgan. He was educated at Clarksburg, took advanced studies in the State University of Ohio for two years, and then spent three years as a teacher in the vicinity of Clarksburg. Following the example of his father, he began to prepare for a medical career, spending one year attending lectures at Indianapolis and later the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati, where he graduated. With this preparation he located at Clarksburg, and his ability won him a large patronage. He continued in active practice until his last illness. He died March 18, 1913. He married Frances A. Willis, daughter of John W. and Jane (Templin) Willis. She and her only daughter, Jeanette, survive. Doctor Morgan, Jr., had served as a member of the school board, and was affiliated with Clarksburg Lodge, No. 721, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Williamsport Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Because of his congenial spirit and whole heartedness he was exceedingly popular with all with whom he came in contact.

WILLIAM E. METTLER. Representing one of the families that early settled the Hocking and Scioto valleys, William E. Mettler has spent his active career as a farmer and stock raiser in Springfield Township of Ross County. In that locality he has the reputation of doing everything well that he undertakes, has lived an honorable and upright career, and is a man whose word counts for something.

Born in Springfield Township February 25, 1863, he is a son of Peter Mettler and a grandson of Francis Mettler, both of whom were natives of New Jersey. Grandfather Mettler in 1838 started with his family and a wagon and team over the western trails for Ohio. At that time

the greater part of the southern part of the state was heavily timbered, and the more fertile bottom lands, not having been drained, were fertile sources of malaria and other diseases. In consequence of this condition, Francis Mettler settled on the hills of Hocking County, in the vicinity of Rockhouse. He devoted his remaining years to clearing and cultivating the soil, and died there at the age of seventy-five. He married a Miss Mashon and they became the parents of a large family of fifteen children.

Peter Mettler, who was quite young when brought to Ohio, reached manhood in Hocking County, and having been reared on a farm, adopted farming as his regular career. He began his independent work in that line in the south part of Pickaway County, and after renting for a few years, bought land in sections 17 and 18 of Springfield Township in Ross County, thus establishing the family within the limits of this county. His land included a tract of table land commanding an extensive and entrancing view of the Scioto and Paint Creek valleys and over a wide stretch of surrounding country. He also bought another piece of 119 acres on the Columbus Pike. He was a very thrifty and progressive citizen and enjoyed prosperity in keeping with his energy and character. His death occurred there in 1905. His wife, Elizabeth Laycock, who was born in Springfield Township, a daughter of William Laycock, died in 1872, being survived by four children: Alice, William, Clarence and Laura.

William E. Mettler grew up on the fine rural estate of his father. His education came from the rural schools, and having assisted in the work of the home farm, he was well qualified for his chosen work when he reached manhood. He rented land from his father for some years, but then took up commercial lines in Chillicothe and was in business there for ten years. Since then he has lived on the home farm, and now owns and occupies a fine place in Springfield Township, devoted to general farming and stock raising.

In June, 1902, Mr. Mettler married Mary M. Hammel, who was born in Chillicothe, daughter of Daniel and Cornelia (Bowman) Hammel. Mr. and Mrs. Mettler have a daughter, named Elizabeth Lenna. Fraternally, Mr. Mettler is affiliated with Chillicothe Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

ADAM FALTER, who is one of the present county commissioners of Ross County, has been a sturdy representative of the agricultural industry of Green Township for many years. A native of Germany, he came to this country when a youth, had to adapt himself to American ways and customs and the language, started without influential friends or capital, and has raised himself by sheer force of energy, good judgment and experience to an influential place in this large and populous county of Ohio.

He was born in the Village of Woldmichelbach in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, April 25, 1856. His parents were George Adam and Eva Elizabeth Gartner Falter. Both were lifelong residents of Hesse Darm-

stadt, while his father was a farmer. Their seven children were Eva Elizabeth, George, Elizabeth, Margaret, Adam, Gretchen and John. The daughter Margaret married J. A. Breming and settled in Chillicothe. Gretchen married Leonard Baugard, and they now live in Fostoria, Ohio. George settled in Ross County as a farmer for several years and then moved to Franklin County, where he died. The children Eva Elizabeth, Elizabeth and John all remained in Hesse Darmstadt.

Adam Falter grew up in his native land, attended the schools steadily until he was fourteen years of age, and learned farming by practical experience under his father. At the age of sixteen he set out for America. Sailing from Bremen, he landed in New York City sixteen days later, and came thence to Ross County. For a time he worked on a farm for his brother George, near Hopetown. For several years he continued working by the month, until he had saved enough to buy a team and implements, and with that modest equipment farmed as a renter until his marriage. After his marriage, Mr. Falter located on the farm he now owns and occupies and has been continuously a resident there for over thirty years. His fine farm is in the Scioto Valley and in Green Township. The passing years have marked many additions in the way of improvement and other valuable features to his farm, and it has well repaid his industry as a general farmer and stock raiser.

In 1882 Mr. Falter married Bertha Elizabeth Erdman, who was born in New York City. Her father, Zachariah Erdman, was born in Prussia, where he was reared and educated and where he served an apprenticeship at the tailor's trade. Coming to America in youth, he was married in New York City, followed his trade there several years, then moved to Cincinnati, and in 1868 came to Chillicothe, where he was in business as a merchant tailor until he was about eighty years of age. After more than sixty years of continuous work as a tailor he retired with a competency, and his death occurred in his eighty-sixth year. Zachariah Erdman married Mary Lippert, who was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and who died at the age of fifty-four, having reared nine children, named Bertha Elizabeth, Catherine, Charles, John, Fred, Frank, Gustav, Edward and William.

The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Falter are: Luella, Emma, Elsie and Herman. The son Herman was graduated from the Chillicothe High School with the class of 1916. Luella is now a teacher in the Chillicothe public schools. Emma married Jefferson Willis and they have a daughter, named Mary Bertha. Elsie is the wife of John Chester.

Mr. and Mrs. Falter are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. While a progressive farmer, Mr. Falter has not neglected public affairs and has filled a number of places of trust and responsibility in his home township and county. He served as road supervisor, was a member of the Green Township School Board twenty years, was trustee ten years, and is now serving his second term on the board of county commissioners.

OLIVER A. CORY. The best purpose that can be served by such a publication as this is to give some record to those families who have been longest and most closely identified with the development and progress of Ross County. One such family, a resident of this section of Ohio almost 120 years, is represented by Oliver A. Cory, who resides in Concord Township on land that was originally secured by his grandfather soon after the Corys came to Northwest Territory. His home is also interesting from an osteological standpoint, since it stands on a site at one time an Indian mound, and in the process of excavation many old Indian relics were taken from the mound.

The Corys have not only helped to clear and develop the land of Ross County, but have impressed themselves in many ways upon the county's institutions and civic affairs. Mr. Cory's great-grandfather, Elnathan Cory, was born in New York State, moved from there to New Jersey and thence to Kentucky, where he spent his last days and died in 1791. Thus it is apparent that the Corys were identified with the first movement of civilization beyond the barrier of mountains which so long hemmed in the colonial settlers along the Atlantic coast.

Elder Nathan Cory, grandfather of Oliver A., was born in New Jersey in 1766. From New Jersey he moved to Virginia and thence crossed the mountains into what was a Virginia province and was subsequently organized as the State of Kentucky. In 1797 Elder Nathan Cory crossed the Ohio River and penetrated the Northwest Territory, locating in what is now Concord Township of Ross County. The following year he bought a tract of land three-quarters of a mile northeast of the present site of Frankfort. One of the remarkable things about the early pioneers was their courage in undertaking the heavy task of settling in a new country with practically no capital or resources except those contained in their own resolute will and physical manhood. When Nathan Cory arrived in Ross County his only possessions were \$1 in cash and a pony that stood thirteen hands high. With the dollar he bought a peck of salt. As there were no mills in Ross County, he used a mortar and pestle to reduce his corn to meal. The nearest mill was sixty-five miles away, near Maysville, Kentucky. Occasionally four or five of his neighbors combined for the purpose of protection and companionship and each carried a bushel of corn in a sack over one shoulder and a rifle over the other, and then walked the entire distance to the mill in Kentucky, and after getting their corn ground would return to their families with the meal. This is only one item out of many that might be mentioned to show the primitive conditions that surrounded the Corys and other early families in Ross County. Nathan Cory built a log house on his land, and in the course of time had improved a good farm, upon which he resided until his death, on September 3, 1843. Another fact that should be mentioned concerning his early residence in Ross County is that he assisted in raising the first two-story log house built in Chillicothe. Nathan Cory was a minister of the Baptist Church, and was one of the leaders in establishing that denomination in this part of Ohio. In 1802 he was one of a company of twelve persons

who organized a Baptist society in his house. Later he assisted in erecting a log building to be used as a place of worship. This log church stood about one-quarter of a mile east of Frankfort, in what is now known as the Baptist Graveyard. The society worshiped in that primitive chapel for seventeen years. They next built a church at the southeast corner of High and Second streets, in Frankfort. That was the home of the congregation until 1864, when the society moved to Roxabell and built the church edifice which is still used.

Elder Nathan Cory married for his first wife Sarah Wright. The names of their large family of children are as follows: David, Joseph, John, James, Abraham, Anna, Stephen, Noah, Mary, Israel, Daniel, Solomon.

Of this large family, Noah Cory, father of Oliver A. Cory, was born in Concord Township September 25, 1802. He was reared amid the pioneer scenes which have been briefly suggested in the previous paragraph. He was a very influential and useful worker in the Baptist denomination. Elder Nathan Cory was ordained an itinerant preacher, and in that capacity traveled over many counties, both in Ohio and Indiana. He was a typical circuit rider, going about from community to community and from house to house on horseback, and he organized many Baptist churches. It should be noted that he was a member of the convention meeting at Zanesville, which organized the Ohio State Baptist Association. In attending that convention he walked the entire distance to Zanesville and back home. While carrying on his labors as a pioneer preacher he also bought land. Noah Cory, after his marriage, began housekeeping in a log cabin. His family occupied that home for several years, but in 1839 he built a substantial brick house near the site of the old log house. This brick dwelling is on the west side of the Westfall Road. That was the home of Noah Cory until his death, which closed a long and fruitful career, at the age of eighty-six years.

Noah Cory married Lucretia Shoots. She was born in Concord Township, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shoots, came from Virginia to Ross County in 1797, at the same time as the Corys. After a few years of residence in Ross County, Joseph Shoots moved to Pickaway County, settling about 1½ miles from Adelphi, in Salt Creek Township. There he and his wife passed away at a good old age. The children of Noah Cory and wife were as follows: Sally Ann, born November 17, 1824; Hannah Jane, born October 8, 1826; Solomon T., born July 6, 1828; Joseph B., born June 9, 1830; Anjaline, born August 12, 1832; John Nathan, born February 18, 1834; Mary Ellen, born June 2, 1836; Elisabeth, born December 13, 1837; Nancy Louisa, born February 8, 1840; Julian Lucretia, born October 29, 1841; William Noah, born June 10, 1844; Landy Shoots, born May 14, 1846; Oliver A., born July 23, 1848. Thirteen children in all, of whom Sally Ann, the first born, and Oliver A., the last born, are living at this writing, aged ninety-four and sixty-eight years, respectively; also three other sisters and one brother.

Noah Cory was a very successful farmer. The first tax he ever paid was for the sum of 34¼ cents. Gradually he improved his condi-

tion, and in time had title to 389 acres of land, including his father, Nathan's, old homestead, which is now owned and occupied by Oliver A. Cory.

The youngest of his parents' large family, Oliver A. Cory, was born in Concord Township July 23, 1848. He attended the district schools as a boy and largely through his own efforts acquired a better education than most young men of the time had as the foundation for real life. He became a student in the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, and there gave special attention to civil engineering, completing the full course.

At the age of nineteen Mr. Cory began teaching in the district east of Frankfort, and later taught in the Kauffman and in the Taylor districts, 1½ miles from Washington Court House. Since 1871 his efforts have been employed systematically and profitably to farming. After two years on his father's farm as a tenant, he and his brother William bought a tract of land which their grandfather had acquired in 1798. Mr. Oliver Cory now has the deed signed by Thomas Jefferson, conveying this land to General Massie, from whom his grandfather bought the land. In the last forty-five years Mr. Cory has not only improved his land in point of fertility and productiveness, but has erected a fine set of frame buildings, has planted fruit and shade trees, and has one of the most beautiful places in Concord Township. He may well be classed as a diversified farmer. For many years he had a large apiary, and was unusually successful in the handling of bees.

On March 16, 1871, he married Ruey Ella Jones. She was born near Staunton, in Fayette County, Ohio, a daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Cory) Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Cory have two children, Obert A. and Mary V. The daughter is now the wife of Walter N. McCoy, and they have a son, Paul. Obert A. Cory has always been an invalid.

Mr. and Mrs. Cory are active members of the First Baptist Church at Roxabell, this being the church which was originally organized in his grandfather's house more than a century ago and which had the several changes already noted until, more than half a century ago, it was moved to Roxabell.

WILLIAM M. WOODROW. A man of excellent business judgment and intelligence, William M. Woodrow is actively identified with the advancement of the industrial interests of Chillicothe, his home city, and as the owner of a large Ross County farm is doing much towards the development of that branch of agriculture relating to the breeding of fine horses and the raising of swine. He was born September 9, 1872, in Chillicothe, which was also the birthplace of his father, Henry W. Woodrow.

Rev. Thomas Woodrow, Mr. Woodrow's grandfather, was born and bred in Paisley, Scotland, where his father was engaged in the manufacture of the famous Paisley shawls. Scholarly in his tastes and ambitions, he acquired a liberal education in his native land, being graduated from the University of Scotland. In 1835 he came to the United States, and two years later settled in Chillicothe, Ohio. In 1849 he removed to

Columbus, from there going to Nicholasville, Kentucky. At the outbreak of the Civil war he returned to Columbus and was there an honored and respected resident until his death, April 27, 1877.

Rev. Thomas Woodrow was twice married. His first wife died in early life, leaving five children, namely: Thomas, John, William, Marion, and Jessie, who married Thomas Wilson, and whose son, Woodrow Wilson, became President of the United States. Rev. Mr. Woodrow married for his second wife Mrs. Harriet L. (Scott) Renick, widow of Ashahel Renick, daughter of John Caile and Ann (Love) Scott, and granddaughter of Gustavus Scott, of whom mention is made on another page of this volume, in connection with the sketch of Gustavus Scott Franklin, M. D. Four children were born of that marriage, as follows: Edward, Henry W., Charles, and Mary.

Born in Chillicothe, March 8, 1847, Henry W. Woodrow received a good common school education in his native city, after which he attended the old Nicholasville Academy, later being instructed in the classical languages by his father, who was a student in Greek, Latin and Hebrew. After settling in Columbus, he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1869, when he came to Chillicothe, and for two years was clerk in the store of his half-brother, later having charge of a hat store. In the meantime he studied law, and on October 1, 1878, was admitted to the bar. He met with success in his profession and was quite active in public affairs, serving as a member of the Chillicothe Board of Elections and as president of the city council. He was also for several years president of the Valley Agricultural Society.

Henry W. Woodrow married, December 30, 1869, Elizabeth Carlisle Miner, who was born in Columbus, Ohio, a daughter of William L. Miner. Her grandfather, Isaac Miner, who was of Scotch descent, was a pioneer of Madison County, Ohio, later becoming one of the earlier settlers of Franklin County. He there bought 2,000 acres of land from the Government, and a part of it is now included within the limits of the City of Columbus. He resided on his farm until his death, being engaged in agricultural pursuits. William L. Miner was born on the homestead in Franklin County, and having inherited a portion of the parental estate, superintended its management during the remainder of his life. He married Sarah Dougherty, who was born in Franklin County, where her parents, William and Eliza Dougherty, were pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Woodrow were the parents of two children, Harriet L. and William M.

Having completed the course of study in the Chillicothe schools, William M. Woodrow attended the Ohio State University for two years, and in 1894 was graduated from the Michigan Military Academy, at Orchard Lake, Michigan. He then began the study of law, but a professional life not appealing to his tastes and inclinations, he embarked in the ice business, with which he has since been associated, at the present writing, in 1915, being secretary of the Chillicothe Ice Company, manufacturers and distributors of ice. Mr. Woodrow is much interested in agriculture, on his large farm, advantageously located in Concord and

Deerfield townships, being extensively engaged in the breeding of Norman Percheron horses and the Duroc-Jersey swine.

Mr. Woodrow married, in 1900, Miss Nettie Duncan Campbell, who was born in Chillicothe, a daughter of Duncan Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow have one child, Marion Elizabeth Woodrow. Fraternally, Mr. Woodrow is a member of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

MRS. MARTHA LANE JONES is one of the few survivors of the early members of the teaching profession in Ross County. All honor is due to those who formed and trained minds of the youth of this county forty or fifty years ago, and she has many interesting recollections of school conditions and educational affairs in general in Ross County up to the time the first free public school system was established.

Born in Concord Township October 27, 1840, Martha Lane is a daughter of Pleasant Lane, who was born in Ross County, where Mrs. Jones' grandfather came as a pioneer, buying a tract of timbered land in Concord Township and developing a farm from the wilderness. The father of Mrs. Jones grew up on that farm, and made farming the basis of his career in this county. He spent all his life in Concord Township, where he and his wife died many years ago. The maiden name of the mother of Mrs. Jones was Nancy Parish, who was born in Concord Township, a daughter of Samuel Parish, likewise a pioneer there. Mrs. Jones was one of the five children: Sarah, John, Martha, Catherine and Robert.

As a girl Mrs. Jones made the best of her opportunities and managed to acquire a good education in the local schools. When only sixteen years of age she taught her first term in Concord Township, and she remained active in that profession until her marriage.

At the age of twenty-two she married James Harvey Jones. The late Mr. Jones was born in Vermont, where he was reared and educated and had the usual influences and environment of the New England boy. When a young man he came west, and he also for several years taught school in Ross County. He finally bought a farm in Concord Township and was engaged in its management, raising field crops and stock until his death.

Mrs. Jones died August 27, 1916, at Clarksburg. She was the mother of three children. One son, James Morton, died in infancy. The living children are Nancy Ellen and William D.

William D. Jones graduated from the Frankfort High School and took up the career of medicine. He studied with Doctor Barnett, and then attended lectures in the Starling Medical College at Columbus, now the medical department of the Ohio State University. Graduating M. D. in 1892, he forthwith began practice in Franklin, where he remained five years, and since 1897 has been one of the leading physicians of Clarksburg. In 1898 Doctor Jones married Cora Wilkins. She was born in Concord Township, a daughter of Owen and Susan Wilkins. Doctor and Mrs. Jones have two daughters, Ruth and Hazel. In

the line of his profession Doctor Jones is a member of the Ross County and the Ohio State medical societies. He is also affiliated with Frankfort Lodge, No. 721, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; with Frankfort Lodge of the Masons, and with Chillicothe Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

JOHN F. MORGAN. A well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Chillicothe, John F. Morgan holds a position of importance and responsibility, being superintendent of Grand View Cemetery, one of the many beautiful suburban cemeteries of the state. A son of Adonijah Morgan, he was born in Pickaway County and came to Ross County when six years of age, of substantial pioneer stock.

His grandfather, White Morgan, a Kentuckian by birth, was one of the earlier settlers of Pickaway County, Ohio. Coming from there to Ross County in 1829, he purchased a tract of wild land in Concord Township and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life. He married Maria McDonald, whose father, John McDonald, acquired fame as author of "McDonald's Notes," the first history of Ross County ever published, and which was for many years much quoted.

Born in 1823, in Pickaway County, Adonijah Morgan was educated in the pioneer schools, and as a boy was well drilled in the different branches of agriculture. He followed farming throughout his life, dying at the age of seventy-three years on the farm adjoining the McDonald homestead. He married Rhoda Mobray, a daughter of Fletcher and Hester (Rowe) Mobray. She died at the early age of thirty-nine years, leaving four children, namely: John F., Banner W., Anna and Marion.

Remaining beneath the parental roof until nineteen years old, John F. Morgan was educated in the district school, and as a boy was trained to habits of industry and thrift. He was subsequently employed in a sawmill until 1889, when he came to Chillicothe to accept his present position as superintendent of the Grand View Cemetery. Courteous, accommodating and painstaking, Mr. Morgan is exceptionally well fitted for his work, of which he has a thorough knowledge, and is performing the duties devolving upon him in a most efficient and acceptable manner.

On October 19, 1882, Mr. Morgan married Ella Gray, daughter of George and Margaret Gray, and into their home four children have been born and reared, namely: Henry Clayborn, who married Hilda Schram, and has three children, Arlie, McDonald and John; Banner C., who married Emma Young, and has one child, Sue Nell; Rhoda A., wife of Edward Trader; and Clorinda J., at home. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are consistent members of the Third Presbyterian Church. Fraternally, Mr. Morgan is a member of Camp No. 4111, Modern Woodmen of America, and Protected Home Circle of Chillicothe, Ohio.

WILLIAM JOSEPH ATWELL. Occupying a foremost position among the trustworthy and esteemed citizens of Chillicothe, William Joseph Atwell is numbered among the wealthy landholders of Ross County, and for many years was conspicuously identified, in a legal capacity, with

some of its more important industrial interests. He comes from honored colonial ancestry, and is a native of Baltimore, Maryland, which was likewise the birthplace of his father, Samuel Atwell, and also of his grandfather, William Atwell.

Born and bred in Baltimore, William Atwell spent his entire life in his native city. A shipbuilder by trade, he carried on a substantial business as owner and manager of a shipyard until accidentally meeting his death by a fall on one of the vessels that he was building. He married Martha Stokes, who was born in Petersburg, Virginia, the descendant of one of the early families of that state, and who spent her last years in the family home at Baltimore.

Spending his brief life of thirty years in Baltimore, Samuel Atwell followed his trade of a ship smith throughout his active business career. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Vernon, was born in County Cork, Ireland, near Queenstown, a daughter of Joseph Vernon, who came with his family to America in 1841, locating in Baltimore, where he was first employed as a manufacturer of rope, later establishing himself as a ship chandler. He died at the age of eighty-seven years. The wife of Mr. Vernon, whose maiden name was Helen O'Brien, survived her husband, and died in the ninetieth year of her age. At his death, Samuel Atwell left his young widow with three small children, namely: Annie E.; William Joseph, the special subject of this brief sketch; and John, who died in infancy. She subsequently married her second husband John Gale, and in 1868 came to Chillicothe with her family, and was here a resident until her death, in July, 1913, in the eightieth year of her age.

Brought up in Baltimore, William Joseph Atwell gleaned his early education in the public schools, and later came with the family to Chillicothe. After remaining in this city two years, he returned to Baltimore, where he served an apprenticeship of three years at the joiner's trade, in the meantime greatly advancing his education by attending the evening sessions of the Maryland Institute. Returning then to Chillicothe, Mr. Atwell, instead of following his trade as he had intended, was for six years employed as a bookkeeper. He was then appointed deputy county clerk to fill out the term of the office made vacant by the death of Edward Pearson. Mr. Atwell subsequently accepted a position with the well-known firm of McClintock & Smith, attorneys, who at that time were general counsel for the Marietta and Cincinnati and the O. and M. railroads, and Mr. McClintock was president of the O. and M. Soon after he entered their employ Messrs. McClintock and Smith became extensively engaged in coal mining operations, securing a controlling interest not only in the Wellston Coal Company, but the Milton Coal Company, the Jackson County Coal Company, and in the Dayton Coal and Iron Company, in the last three companies Mr. Atwell being made secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Atwell continued with his employers as confidential clerk until after the death of both Mr. McClintock and Mr. Smith. During that time Mr. Atwell wisely invested his surplus money by purchasing farm

lands of much value in South Union Township. His farms are most judiciously managed by a superintendent, and bring him in a good annual income. In 1898 he erected the beautiful home that he now occupies on West Fourth Street.

Mr. Atwell married, in 1889, Margaret Smith, who was born in Louisville, Kentucky, a daughter of Bartholomew and Jane Smith. Five sons blessed their union; but three are deceased, the oldest and the two youngest. The two now living are Oswald B. and Norbert S., graduates of the Ohio State University. Mr. Oswald B. Atwell on September 28, 1916, was united in marriage to Miss Helen R. Neuding of Circleville, Ohio, and is now employed as a mechanical engineer with the Illinois Steel Company at Gary, Indiana. Fraternally Mr. Atwell is a member of Chillicothe Lodge No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

GEORGE F. HATFIELD. One cannot follow the long career of George F. Hatfield without renewing appreciation of those homely, sterling qualities which, when allied with practical business sense, lift men from poverty to wealth, from obscurity to prominence. He has been a resident of Ross County since 1913, and since the year following has lived on his present property, located in the vicinity of Vigo, where he owns and operates 240 acres of land. His career has been a successful one and his fortune and prestige have been gained solely through his own efforts.

Mr. Hatfield was born November 12, 1865, in Pike County, Kentucky, and is a son of Judge Basil and Nancy Jane (Lowe) Hatfield. His paternal grandfather was George Hatfield, who went from Virginia into Pike County, Kentucky, as a pioneer settler, and there passed the remaining years of his life as a farmer. Basil Hatfield was born on Blackberry Creek, Pike County, Kentucky, November 17, 1839, and during the greater part of his life has been identified with public life. Reared as a farmer, in early life he became a preacher in the Baptist Church, and for fifty years has preached in various communities of Kentucky, although at this time he is semi-retired. As a stalwart supporter of republican principles, he attracted the attention and confidence of his fellow citizens, who recognized in him good official timber, and who demonstrated their faith by electing him a magistrate in his native county. After two terms in that office he was elected judge of the county court for two terms, or eight years, and this was followed by his election as sheriff of Pike County, an office which he held for one term, which at that time amounted to four years. Judge Hatfield at that time removed to Lexington, Kentucky, where he lived for two or three years, then going to Pikesville, where he was again nominated for public office, being the candidate of the republican party for the county judgeship. He tied with the democratic candidate, but after a count-off was counted out by a small margin. He is now living at Prestonburg, Kentucky, at the age of seventy-six years, while Mrs. Hatfield is two years his junior and also survives. Throughout his career Judge Hatfield has maintained

a high standard of honor, and few men are more deserving of the esteem in which they are held by their fellows. He and his wife have been the parents of twelve children, all of whom have grown to maturity, as follows: Polly, who is the wife of Granville Smith, of Pike County, Kentucky; Matilda, who is married and a resident of Muncie, Indiana; Jeremiah, who is now deceased; George F., of this review; Orrison R., of St. Paul, Kentucky; Emily Jane, who is the wife of Doctor Truggle, of New York City; Nancy, who is the wife of James H. Ball, of Pike County, Kentucky; Lydia, the wife of Sam Nunery, also of that county; Hays, a resident of New York City; Thomas Jefferson, who is deceased; Emma, the wife of W. H. Blair, of Prestonburg, Kentucky; and Lundy, who is a resident of Portsmouth, Ohio. All of the children were given good educational advantages and reared to lives of industry and sobriety.

George F. Hatfield received his education in the district schools and lived at home until he reached the age of eighteen years. On December 6, 1883, he was united in marriage with Miss Flores Layne, a daughter of W. H. and Emily (Smith) Layne. Mr. Layne and his wife were reared near the mouth of Mud Creek, on Sandy River, in Floyd County, Kentucky, Mr. Layne being the son of Judge Lindsey Layne, who was a prominent man in Kentucky during his day. In the first year of his marriage Mr. Hatfield lived on the old home place, and then moved to Sandy River, Floyd County, where he was also engaged in farming for one year. Returning to Pike County, he assumed the duties of deputy sheriff, an office which he held for five consecutive years, and then passed a like period in farming and sawlogging. With his earnings thus gained he purchased the homestead place on which he had been born, a tract of 160 acres, from his father, but after a short time sold this property and moved to Flat Gap, Johnson County, Kentucky, bought property in town, and embarked in the mercantile business, which demanded his attention for a period of twenty years, a part of this time as Hatfield & Vaughn and later as George F. Hatfield. In 1896 Mr. Hatfield was appointed postmaster at Flat Gap, a capacity in which he acted for seventeen years, and until he sold his mercantile business, at which time he resigned from the Government service. At that time, in 1913, he again decided to take up farming, and accordingly came to Ross County and bought a farm of 107 acres of good land near Anderson. This he sold after about twelve months, when he closed a deal for his present farm, a property of 240 acres of good bottoms land, located one mile northeast of Vigo, in Liberty Township. He has made numerous valuable improvements since his arrival, and his handsome, well-improved and highly cultivated farm is a monument to his ability and industry and an illustration of what may be achieved through individual and determined effort.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield are the parents of five children: Emily Jane, who is the wife of Glenn Walters and resides on the home farm; James Trimble, who married Miss Shaffer and assists his father in the cultivation of the Liberty Township farm; Lundy, whose home is in the State of Washington; Dixie, who is the wife of W. B. Hall and lives on the

home farm; and Tera, the wife of Isom Salyer, of Flat Gap, Johnson County, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield and their children are members of the New Regular Baptist Church, in the work of which they have taken a keen interest, Mr. Hatfield having been clerk of the church at the time he left Johnson Gap. In political matters he is a republican, and his public services have included the duties of the office of vice president of the Herrick Commission, which he now holds. Aside from his agricultural labors, he has done some business in a real estate way and has been the medium through which some large deals have been consummated.

CHARLES M. DRUMMOND. An old family name in Liberty Township, Ross County, is that of Drummond, a well-known representative of this family being found in Charles M. Drummond, farmer and thresher, whose 172 acres are situated two miles northwest of Gillespieville. This is a part of the old homestead farm and here, in a log cabin, Charles M. Drummond was born December 6, 1858. His parents were Daniel and Mary (Smith) Drummond.

Ninety-two years have passed since the grandparents of Mr. Drummond brought their son Daniel to Ohio from New Jersey, where he was born in 1810, landing at Chillicothe in September, 1824. The travelers ate their first meal in that city under the shade of a large sugar maple tree, standing near what is now the southwest corner of Green Lawn Cemetery. Later on Daniel Drummond purchased a portion of what became known as the Drummond homestead, from his father, Robert Drummond, and still later entered four lots in Liberty Township, which brought his possessions up to 244 acres. When he was married, Daniel Drummond built a second cabin on the farm, and in that he and his wife lived until some time in the '60s, at which time a frame building was erected, in which they lived during the rest of their lives. Her name was Mary Smith and she was born in Ohio, but was of German descent. They had eight children, five of whom are deceased: Robert V., Lewis H., John, William and Elizabeth. The survivors are: Alfred W., of Canton, Ohio; Mary J., widow of David Sollars, Jr., living on a portion of the old farm; and Charles M., the youngest of the family. Both parents were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was active in all church work and served long as a trustee. His memory is perpetuated in a beautiful memorial window in the Methodist Church in Londonderry. In politics he was a democrat and by that party was elected to local offices. He and wife were fine people in every way, hospitable, charitable and neighborly.

Charles M. Drummond remained at home with his parents as long as they lived. He attended the district schools in boyhood and afterward assisted in the carrying on of the farm, and his interest in farming still continues. In addition, for twenty years he has been in the threshing business and owns one of the most modern and complete threshing outfits in the county. He is secretary and treasurer of the Ross County

Brotherhood of Threshers and is vice president of the Ohio Brotherhood of Threshers.

On February 18, 1891, Mr. Drummond was married to Miss Hattie Ault, who was born in Ross County in 1866, and is a daughter of Rhoda Ault. They have two sons, Carl, who was born in February, 1893, and Robert L., who was born in November, 1895, both unmarried and living at home. Mr. Drummond and family belong to the Methodist Church at Londonderry, in which he has served as chorister. In township affairs he is quite prominent, serving in offices with the greatest efficiency and to the entire satisfaction of his fellow citizens, these including two terms as assessor of Liberty Township and one term as clerk of the township, and one term and part of another as township trustee. In the Improved Order of Red Men he has reached high positions, being past sachem of the local body and twice a representative to the great council of the State of Ohio.

MATTHIAS LEWIS. For many years prominently identified with the business affairs of Ross County, Matthias Lewis, late of Chillicothe, was also, as an extensive land owner, actively associated with the development of agricultural interests of this section of the state. A life-long resident of Chillicothe, where his birth occurred on March 17, 1825, he was a worthy representative of all that constitutes a desirable citizen, in his domestic relations having been a kind husband and father, and in business circles an honored and trusted man.

Henry Southard Lewis, his father, was born and reared at Basking Ridge, New Jersey, and in his native state acquired an excellent education. Upon leaving school he came to Chillicothe, and for a time was tutor in Governor Worthington's family. Attaining prominence in public matters, he was elected county treasurer of Ross County in 1836, and served with such acceptance that he was continued in that office by repeated re-elections for twenty years. His wife, whose maiden name was Dorothy Miller, was born and educated in Baltimore, Maryland. She survived him, living to be more than eighty years of age.

Matthias Lewis was educated in Chillicothe, and after his graduation from the academy taught school a short time. Preferring, however, a business life rather than a professional career, he embarked in the mercantile business as a hardware merchant, and having built up an extensive and prosperous trade was thus employed for many years. Having accumulated considerable wealth, he then retired from active pursuits, although he still retained an interest in the business. In the meantime, Mr. Lewis had wisely invested in valuable farm lands, not only in Ross County, but in Fayette and Pickaway counties, and after retiring from the hardware business he superintended his farms, continuing his residence, however, in the city of his birth. He lived to be nearly seventy years old, his death occurring at his home, on Second Street, Chillicothe, October 4, 1894.

The maiden name of the wife of Mr. Lewis was Ann Maria Casad. She was born in Maysville, Kentucky, November 2, 1828, a daughter of

Hon. John Anthony and Orpha (Williams) Casad. Her father, Mr. Casad, moved from Kentucky to Bellefontaine, Ohio, and in addition to becoming one of the foremost lawyers of Logan County was active and influential in public affairs, having represented his district in the State Legislature. Mrs. Lewis died September 27, 1910. Of the six children born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, five grew to years of maturity, namely: Charles Casad; Lillian, who died at the age of twenty-eight years; Mattie, living in Chillicothe; Henry Southard; Minnie Edith, who married Arthur Metcalfe, and has one child, Eleanor Lewis Metcalfe. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were consistent members of the First Presbyterian Church, to which their daughters also belong.

SCHMIEDER CARRIAGE COMPANY. This is one of the old established local industries of Chillicothe, and is now one of the largest and most important concerns of its kind in the county. This company does a large business in the manufacture of buggies, carriages and delivery wagons and also operates a large shop with ample facilities for painting and trimming of automobiles, repair of all manner of vehicles, and the high standard of mechanical proficiency set many years ago has been consistently maintained.

This business was started on a small scale at Chillicothe nearly half a century ago by the late August Schmieder. The present company is made of Henry W. Schmieder, son of August, and David L. Schneider. Henry W. Schmieder was born April 28, 1872, in Ross County, a son of August and Johanna (Benner) Schmieder. August Schmieder was born in Germany, June 14, 1839, and after coming to Ross County enlisted and gave valiant service to the Union cause during the Civil war. He served as a private with Company B of the Twenty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry for two years, nine months, and was then given an honorable discharge. His regiment spent most of its time in the Department of Missouri, and participated in a number of the campaigns by which the Mississippi Valley was wrested from the Confederates. After the war, in 1867, he began the manufacture of wagons and buggies at Chillicothe and continued that business actively until his death, June 14, 1911. He and his wife were the parents of four children.

The third in order of birth Henry W. Schmieder grew up in Chillicothe, attended the public schools and the Scioto Business College, and after the death of his father, under whom he had been thoroughly trained as a capable mechanic, he took over the business and formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, David L. Schneider, under the firm name of Schmieder Carriage Company.

Mr. Schmieder was married, January 20, 1910, in Chillicothe, to Miss Mary A. Hildenbrand. Their two sons are: William A., born, November 28, 1910; and Ralph J., born, August 8, 1914.

David L. Schneider, the other member of the firm of Schmieder Carriage Company, is a son of Louis and Margaret (Lorbach) Schneider. His father, a native of Germany, after coming to America was employed at his trade as a confectioner and baker in various cities, but during the

decade of the '50s located at Chillicothe and for more than forty years was one of the leading bakers and confectioners, being located on Water Street. His place of business became a landmark there and his reputation as a baker as well as his genial personality are still held in grateful memory by the older citizens. Louis Schneider died in 1903. Of his family of seven, David L., is the youngest, and two others are still living.

David L. Schneider began his early business career in the upholstering establishment of the Champion Bed Lounge Company. He remained there twelve years and until he became associated with Mr. Schmieder in the Schmieder Carriage Company. He is one of the charter members of the Calvary Lutheran Church and has been very actively identified with its work for many years. He was one of the first officers, as a deacon, held that position twelve years and for more than fifteen years was superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Schneider married Miss Ella L. Schmieder, and they are the parents of two children, August Louis, nine years old, and Margaret Jane, twelve years old.

AUTIMER S. BONE. Of the men who are contributing to the material growth and advancement of Ross County through their connection with important and long-established enterprises, Autimer S. Bone is deserving of mention. As head miller and partner in the Salt Creek Valley Mill, at Gillespieville, he is identified with one of the oldest industries in this part of the state, and one which has grown with the county and has aided in its progress. Mr. Bone was born on a farm in Jackson Township, Vinton County, Ohio, May 9, 1878, and is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Jordan) Bone.

Mr. Bone comes of honest Pennsylvania Dutch stock, the progenitor of the family in Ohio settling first in Noble County. There was born William Bone, the grandfather of Autimer S. Bone, who moved from that community at an early date and located in Vinton County, where the remaining years of his life were passed in the pursuits of agriculture. Samuel Bone, the father of Autimer S. Bone, was born in Vinton County, where he received his education in the district schools, and was reared as a farmer, an occupation which he took as his own when ready to enter upon his independent career. He was the operator of the old homestead place for several years, the property which had been owned by his father before him, but later moved to another property and continued its cultivation and management during the remainder of his active life. Both Mr. Bone and his wife died in 1888, the parents of seven children, all of whom survive: J. G., who is his brother's partner in the Salt Creek Valley Mill, with his headquarters at Londonderry; Sarah, who is the wife of Frank Johnson, of Saint Louis, Missouri; Nancy, who is the widow of William Fitzgerald, and lives at Chillicothe; Hester Viola, who resides at Londonderry with her brother, J. G.; Carl James, a resident of New London, Missouri; Doctor Pinckney, a specialist in eye, ear, and throat diseases, of Lancaster, Ohio; and Autimer S., of this review. The children were all small at the time of their parents'

death, the mother following the father to the grave within forty days after his demise, but J. G., the eldest managed to keep the children together and to rear them to sturdy man and womanhood. Samuel Bone was not active in political matters, but took a good citizen's part in the promotion of public-spirited enterprises. While a religious man, he was not connected with any particular denomination, and his quiet, unassuming nature disliked any untoward display in any direction.

Autimer S. Bone was educated in the public schools and although he was but ten years of age when his parents died, managed to get also a course in the normal school. He remained at home with his brothers and sisters until his marriage, September 26, 1898, to Miss Louisa M. Ankrom, who was born in Vinton County, Ohio, a daughter of William Ankrom, of Jackson Township, and a member of an old and well known family of that county. After his marriage, Mr. Bone resided on the home place for about five years and then entered the milling business as an employe, learning it thoroughly in every department. For two years he applied himself to a mastery of the engineering department and then took up the trade of miller, which he followed for several years at South Bloomingville, Hocking County, Ohio. In 1907, with his brother, J. G. Bone, he came to Londonderry and purchased the Salt Creek Valley Mill, which they have since conducted with the greatest success. Mr. Bone is an excellent business man, who has the reputation of being possessed of the strictest integrity and whose reputation is therefore an enviable one in business circles. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Wattawamat Tribe No. 194 of the Improved Order of Red Men, at Londonderry, in which he has passed through the chairs. He is a democrat politically, but not a seeker after public office. All good civic movements have his earnest support. Mr. and Mrs. Bone are the parents of four children: Paul, who is in third year of high school; and Hazel, Helen and James, who are attending the graded schools.

The Salt Creek Valley Mill, of which the Bone brothers, J. G. and A. S., are proprietors, is one of the historic spots of Ross County. The original mill was built by Joseph Dixon, in 1803, and has continued in usefulness up to the present time, a period of about 113 years. Joseph Dixon was born in Pratt County, North Carolina, and in 1802 moved to Ross County, Ohio, in the following year erecting the mill and installing the buhr system. The buhrs for this early enterprise were quarried at McArthur, Vinton County, Ohio, and were hauled by team to Salt Creek, it being necessary to cut the road through from Allensville to the destination, as there were no roads over which they might be taken at that early day.

From the outset the business was a profitable one, and Mr. Dixon was forced to work the mill day and night in order to care for the custom that flocked to him. At the time of his death the business passed to his two sons, Joseph, Jr., and Abel Dixon, who continued to operate the business with equal success for upwards of forty years, and who kept it equipped with up-to-the-minute machinery. It was the regular

custom of these brothers in the early days, whenever they got a good stock ahead, to load the product on a raft and float it down the Ohio River, and thence to New Orleans via the Mississippi River, where they found a good market. They would then return to Salt Creek overland, on foot, and once more resume business, repeating the process when a new stock accumulated.

After the death of the Dixon brothers, this old mill went into the hands of Brown and Hoover, who, in 1891, tore up the old buhr system and installed a roller system, manufactured and put in by the Case Manufacturing Company, of Columbus, Ohio. They, in turn, sold out to J. M. Slone, who operated it until his death, in 1904, when the site and mill were purchased by Bone and Stevens, who put in a sifter system in order to keep it up to date. In 1907, Bone brothers bought out Mr. Stevens, and the mill has since been operated under their management, J. G. Bone being manager, and A. S. Bone, head miller. The product of the mill, "Valley Patent" and "Gilt Edge" brands of flour, have a wide sale throughout the Central West and are noted for their purity and general excellence.

BOYTON G. JONES. The farming men of Ross County have played an important part in the fortunes of that section, and among them should be mentioned Boyton G. Jones, one of the younger and very progressive agriculturists of Liberty Township. Diversified farming is his plan, and he is making a notable success of his endeavors.

His home is the farm of 260 acres in Liberty Township, owned by his father, T. C. Jones. He also owns eighty acres in Liberty Township. His home place is on Rural Route No 3, out of Gillespieville.

Boyton G. Jones was born in Liberty Township, February 14, 1879, a son of T. C. and Martha J. (Rittenhour) Jones. His father was also born in Liberty Township, and members of the Jones family located here in the very early pioneer epoch. The great-grandfather, William Jones, was the founder of the family in this section of Ohio. The grandfather was Mason Jones, who when T. C. Jones was a boy of four years, moved to Pike County, Ohio, and lived there until he and his wife died. T. C. Jones grew to manhood in Pike County, was married there, and soon afterwards returned to Liberty Township and bought the farm of 287 acres of land, which he made the nucleus of his farming enterprise for many years. His success as a farmer is indicated by the fact that he now owns 770 acres in Liberty Township. His has been an active career, and business has not claimed altogether his attention. He is a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a loyal republican and has been honored by his fellow citizens with the office of township trustee four years, township treasurer and membership on the school board. T. C. Jones and wife have three sons: Boyton G., Arsene J., and R. Everett.

Boyton G. Jones grew up on the old homestead in Liberty Township, and besides such advantages as were given by the district schools spent two terms in Wilmington College in Clinton County, Ohio. After re-

turning home, he found a place on his father's farm, and worked industriously there until his marriage. March 1, 1900, he married Sophia Jane Calver, daughter of Marvin Calver and wife whose maiden name was Stratton.

During the first year after marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Jones lived at Vigo, employed by his father, and then moved to the place where he still resides. He and his wife are the parents of three sons: Lauris C., who was born, January 16, 1901, and is now in high school; Leslie M., born June 6, 1906, and a student in the public schools; Lloyd M., born April 9, 1910, and recently started to school. Politically, Mr. Jones is a republican. He has served on the township school board two years, and is now filling with much credit and ability the office of district assessor for the years 1916-17.

HUSTON T. ROBINS. A well-known and successful attorney of Chillicothe, Huston T. Robins was born December 3, 1866, in Bainbridge, Ross County, where his father, Charles Robins, settled as a young man. His paternal grandparents, Martin and Elizabeth (Crites) Robins, were life-long residents of Pennsylvania, and there reared their six children, Charles, Mary, Samuel, Jonathan, William and Martin. Born May 13, 1820, in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, Charles Robins acquired a good education in his native town, and in 1839, ere attaining his majority, he migrated to Ohio and for four years after his location in Pickaway County taught school at Tarlton. Moving to Bainbridge, he first conducted a drug store, then engaged in the mercantile business during the Civil war, and afterwards resumed the drug business with which he was subsequently associated in that town during the remainder of his active life. He served as postmaster and mayor, and in other official positions at Bainbridge. At the time of his death, February 9, 1906, he was residing with his son in Chillicothe.

The mother of Huston T. Robins was Elizabeth (Taylor) Robins, a daughter of Price and Catherine (Smith) Taylor, who died when he was not quite ten years old. She was born in Paxton Township, Ross County, on the Taylor farm which was also the birthplace of her father. Her grandfather, Joseph Taylor, a son of William Taylor, came from Kentucky to Ross County, Ohio, in 1801, and located near Bainbridge where he cleared and improved from its original wild state the farm on which he spent his remaining days. Price Taylor came into possession of the parental homestead on which he was born, resided there until his death in 1883, and reared six of nine children born to him, one of whom, William Taylor, continued a life-long resident of Ross County until his death in 1911, having been prominent as a teacher in the Chillicothe schools in the early part of his mature manhood, and later a well-known and influential citizen and farmer at Bourneville, in Twin Township, where he died. The other five children were Sarah, Theophilus, Catherine, Penelope and Elizabeth.

Huston T. Robins began his studies in the public schools of Bainbridge and subsequently completed the course of instruction at the

academy at South Salem, from which time-honored institution he was graduated in 1887. He then taught a district school near Bourneville for one school year, after which he taught in the public schools in South Salem three consecutive years. Resigning this position he accepted a position on the reportorial staff of the Chillicothe Leader in 1891, and continued in the newspaper work for four years during which time he assisted in launching the Daily Gazette. During his career as teacher and newspaper reporter he read law and for a time was a student in the law office of Judge Wm. Edgar Evans. He was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School in 1895, since which time he has been engaged in the practice of his profession, excepting the six years (1900-1905) he served as judge of the Probate Court to which official position he was elected in 1899, and re-elected in 1902. He was also elected as Ross County's representative to the State Legislature in 1916.

His wife was Miss Inez M. Roach to whom he was married June 2, 1897, and who was born in Madison County, Ohio, a daughter of Reuben W. Roach, and a granddaughter of Simeon and Phoebe (Koontz) Roach who moved from Virginia, their native state, to Gallia County, Ohio, in pioneer times. Her mother, Mary (Workman) Roach, was a daughter of Lewis and Narcissus (Worley) Workman, natives of Belmont County, Ohio.

Politically, Judge Robins is a republican, and true to the religious belief of his parents and grandparents he is a staunch Presbyterian. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe, and he has served as a member of the board of trustees of that church. He has also served as a member of the board of trustees of the Chillicothe Public Library, is a member of the board of directors of The Fidelity Building and Loan Company, and the attorney for that organization.

GEORGE A. MURRAY. While George A. Murray has spent his most productive years as a farmer in Concord Township, his family name is one that is especially identified with that historic old locality of Ross County known as Buckskin Township.

It was in Buckskin Township that George A. Murray was born, August 24, 1856. He is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and his great-grandfather, Thomas Murray, was a native of Pennsylvania, two of whose brothers served as soldiers in the revolution and two of the brothers are said to have gone south and settled in North Carolina. Thomas Murray, himself, spent his life in Pennsylvania and his body is now at rest in the Paxton Cemetery, near Harrisburg.

James Murray, grandfather of George A., was born in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, and in 1812 he married Mary Mitchell, a native of that state also. Immediately after their marriage they set out for their new home in the western wilderness. With a wagon and team they enjoyed the comforts and hardships of a honeymoon journey such as few bridal couples of modern times could experience. Arriving in Ross County, James Murray bought a tract of timbered land in Buckskin

Township. Building a log cabin, he began at once the heavy task of subduing the wilderness, and for years he lived isolated from railroads and canals or convenient markets, and when there was very little money in circulation and most of the meat for the table was supplied by the wild game then so plentiful. He cleared up quite a tract of land and lived on the old home until his death, which occurred about 1840. His widow survived him several years. Their children were named Mary, Ellen, Mitchell, Samuel, Thomas, James, and John.

Thomas Murray, father of George A., was born in Buckskin Township of Ross County, September 2, 1819. He finally bought the interests of the other heirs in the old homestead, continued its improvement and clearing, and after living for many years in a log house he erected, in 1854, a substantial frame building. In 1865, he sold the homestead and bought another farm about a mile northeast of the first place. That was his home when he died, November 26, 1896. Thomas Murray was a man of more than ordinary influence in his community, served several terms as a member of the township board of trustees, and was active in the First Presbyterian Church of Greenfield, and he and his wife reared their children in that faith. Thomas Murray married Margaret Parrett. She was born in Buckskin Township, a daughter of George and Mrs. (Wilkins) Parrett, who were among the early settlers of Buckskin Township. Mrs. Thomas Murray is still living and occupies the old homestead. Her five children were named George A., Anna, Arthur, Charles and Frank. In addition to the advantages of the district schools, George A. Murray attended the noted South Salem Academy. When not in school he helped on the farm, and that early training proved valuable to him when he made farming his regular vocation. In 1898, Mr. Murray settled on the place he now owns and occupies, in Concord Township, about a mile north of Austin. Without any question, this is one of the best farms in point of improvement and productivity in the county. It contains 185 acres, and in every detail it gives testimony to the proficient husbandry of Mr. Murray. Mr. Murray is also interested in everything that concerns his home locality.

In 1898, he married Carrie Peterson, who is a member of one of the very oldest families of this part of Ohio. She was born in Concord Township, a daughter of Albert C. Peterson, who was born in Concord Township, December 14, 1836, and died, December 15, 1895. Her grandfather was Martin Peterson, who was born in Hardy County, Virginia, May 19, 1795. He was a colonel of militia in the War of 1812. The great-grandfather was John Peterson, son of John Martin Peterson, and he came from the State of Virginia to Ohio and identified himself with the very early settlement of this state. It is said that he first located in the wilderness where the city of Columbus now stands. That was a very unhealthy region, and on that account he moved to Ross County, and lived several years in Concord Township. Finally he moved to Indiana and spent his last years there. Mrs. Murray's great-great-great-grandfather, John Jacob Peterson (Hans Yacob Bidert), Bidert being incorrectly translated Peterson, was born January 7, 1706,

in Barenville, County of Langdenburg, Switzerland. He married Sarah Mohlerin, February 15, 1728, and had nine children, the four oldest born in Switzerland. He sailed for America, July 23, 1736. His passport read as follows:

"The Burgomaster and Council of the City of Basil testify, herewith, that in our city and region of country there is no contagious disease, but by the grace of God we enjoy a pure air, free from all infection, and we therefore manfully request that our former citizen, Hans Jacob Bidert, who, together with his wife and four children, intend to travel first by water to Rotterdam and thence per ship to the Island of Pennsylvania, be permitted to pass and repass at all places, safely and without hinderance. Such favors we are ready, promptly to return according to our government custom.

"Given under the printed and smaller seal of our city, this twenty-third day of April, 1736."

The family record, written by the pastor in "Old High German," tells of the marriage of Hans Jacob Bidert and Sara Mohlerin, also of the names and dates of baptism of their children, with names of witnesses.

"These dates are given under the hand and seal of the pastor of the Reformed Church, John Frederick Weston."

The following certificate and address was given by the same minister to Hans Jacob or John Jacob, on his leaving Switzerland. It is still preserved in the original.

"Langenburg, April 21, 1736. This is to certify that Jacob Peterson has been an acceptable member of our church, and a citizen of Langenburg. He with his beloved wife and family of four children are moving from this place. After he may have found a pleasant home to dwell in, we pray that the Lord will be merciful to him through our Lord Jesus Christ. May he always rely on the strong arm of the Lord, then it will be well with him and his children, and may all his future conduct be such that whenever his friends in Langenburg shall hear from him, they may have the comforting assurance that the Christian life and character, which he bore while among them, shall still continue to control his life and character in the New World, where by the will of the Lord, he hopes soon to make his future home, and where he shall bid adieu to friends most dear and to his native land, and he with his dear companion and little children shall embark on the mighty ocean, we pray the Lord to grant them a safe voyage to the land they hope soon to dwell in. May the Lord, in His infinite goodness and mercy, lead them in paths of righteousness, so that when life's voyage is past, they, with us, shall land on the shore of a blessed immortality, is the prayer of your pastor, John Frederick Weston."

John Jacob Peterson landed in Philadelphia, and then went to Augusta County, Virginia, where he spent the remainder of his life.

John Martin, second son of John Jacob Peterson, was baptized, October 20, A. D. 1730. He was a famous hunter and frontiersman. He and his three younger step-sisters were captured by Indians. He was a prison-

er six months when he made his escape. He served as a private in various organizations of Virginia troops in service during the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Murray's grandfather, Martin Peterson, bought a tract of choice land on the north side of Paint Creek in Concord Township. He was somewhat of a genius and a man of original enterprise. On his land he established a factory for the making of farm implements and wagons, and while conducting the factory he also superintended the clearing of a large tract of land. For many years he and his family lived in a log house, but in 1832 he erected a substantial brick building which with some enlargement and modifications is still standing. Martin Peterson lived there surrounded with the various activities which he had encouraged and created until his death. He married Elizabeth Coyner, who was born in Augusta County, Virginia, July 2, 1796. Her mother's maiden name was Hannah Lawwell. After the death of Martin Peterson the old homestead descended to the ownership of his son Albert C. Peterson, Mrs. Murray's father. The latter spent all his life there. He married Phebe Hopkins, who was born, September 20, 1841, in Wayne Township, Fayette County, a daughter of Jeremiah Hopkins, who was born in Concord Township, June 15, 1805, and spent the greater part of his life on a farm near Fairview Church, Fayette County. He died, May 3, 1875, at his home in Washington Court House, Fayette County, where he had lived a number of years. On December 15, 1827, Jeremiah Hopkins married Nancy Claypool, who was born May 17, 1807, and died July 31, 1891.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray have a daughter Anna Margaret. The family are active members of the Presbyterian Church at Frankfort.

HON. LEWIS G. DILL. Applying the tests of ability, fitness and experience, no better choice for the responsible position of judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in Pike County, could have been made than when Hon. Lewis G. Dill was elevated to the bench in 1914. For many years an able lawyer, and for several terms judge of the Probate Court, he had already an established reputation, and to this he has continually added by his wise, impartial and dignified course in his present high office.

Lewis G. Dill was born May 26, 1863, at Dill's Station, in Paxton Township, Ross County, Ohio. His parents were William and Mary (Kelly) Dill, who reared a family of eight children: Elisha, who is a resident of Columbus, Ohio; Frank, who is deceased; William B., who is a resident of Jeffersonville, Ohio; Robert, who resides near Jeffersonville; Edward, who resides at Bainbridge, Ohio; Maggie, who resides at Bainbridge; and Ella (Dill) Poston, who is a resident of Crawfordsville, Indiana.

In boyhood, Lewis G. Dill attended the public schools at Bainbridge and later had academic advantages at South Salem, Ohio. He became superintendent of his father's farm after his school days were over and continued as such until 1890, when he purchased a farm situated in the celebrated blue grass region near Cynthiana, Pike County, and there en-

gaged in farming and raising fine stock until 1896. He had become somewhat interested in politics and his friends in the republican party determined to show their appreciation of his sterling character and the unanimous nomination for judge of the Probate Court was tendered him. Although the county was largely democratic, Mr. Dill was elected by a majority of 141 votes, this being rather remarkable for he was the first republican ever elected to that position in the county. In 1899, he was re-elected and by a majority more than double his former one.

It was during his second term on the Probate bench that Judge Dill refilled all the pleadings and papers in this office from the time of the organization of this court in 1852, completing the same until the close of his official term. The law authorizing this work required only an index to files, but Judge Dill, with care and accuracy made the index include journals, dockets and all records, this being a work of inestimable value to Pike County. At the expiration of his second term on the Probate bench, the democrats as well as the republicans urged him to stand for a third term but this honor he declined. In the meanwhile he had been pursuing the study of law, under the direction of Hon. F. E. Dougherty, of Waverly, Ohio, and had taken the bar examination and was commissioned by the Supreme Court to practice in any of the courts of the state. He opened an office and continued in the active practice of his profession until 1914, when the republicans selected him at the primaries for judge of the Court of Common Pleas, to which position he was elected and in which he has since served with the highest efficiency. In his entire public career, Judge Dill has proved a painstaking official and he has ever shown an earnest intention to perform his duties in such a manner as to insure justice to all who come within his jurisdiction. He has given time and attention to educational matters and has served as president of the board of education at Waverly, Ohio.

Judge Dill was married, October 8, 1890, to Miss Nannie P. Seymour, of Champaign County, Illinois, and they have three children: Mary Catherine, who resides at home; Seymour G., who is a senior in the law department of the Ohio State University; and Lewis W., who is a student in the high school at Waverly. Judge Dill is fraternally identified with the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Huntington Valley branch of the Swedenborgian Church.

Judge Dill is the author of the interesting article in this volume, entitled, "The Horse Shoe Bend of Paint Creek."

HORSE SHOE BEND OF PAINT CREEK

The Horse Shoe Bend of Paint Creek is located two miles east of Bainbridge, in Paxton Township, Ross County, Ohio, and commences at a point where the Seymour Bridge on the Chillicothe and Milford turnpike crosses the same, thence running south for more than a mile where it strikes the little Copperas mountain, which turns the stream east in a slight curve for more than a mile where it strikes the large Copperas

mountain, which turns it north for more than a mile to the Chillicothe and Milford pike, forming a horse shoe with the calks of the shoe at the pike, this bend in the creek contains about 1,200 acres of as fertile farm land as there is in Paxton Township. Before the settlement of this land it was heavily timbered with large black walnut, yellow poplar, white oak and other valuable timber and abounded in wild game such as bear, wolves, deer and wild turkeys and other lesser game, and was a favorite hunting ground of the Indian, as is evidenced by a number of Indian mounds found in this bend of the creek; the Copperas mountain contains a red keel in its formation and the Indians made frequent trips to the place to secure this red keel or paint to decorate themselves with, and from which red paint found here and along the banks of the creek the stream gets its name of Paint Creek. The early settlement and history of the Horse Shoe Bend of Paint Creek is so identified with the life of Robert Dill and his brother, Thomas Dill, that a history of the life of Robert Dill, Sr., and his family is the history of this section of Paxton Township. Robert Dill, Sr., was of Irish descent. The writer has no knowledge of him prior to his emigrating to Paxton Township, Ross County, Ohio, from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, which he did in the year 1800, taking up all the land embraced in the horse shoe bend of Paint Creek. This land purchased by him was that located under the warrant of Valentine Peyton. After this purchase, Mr. Dill went on horseback to the State of Pennsylvania to obtain the money to make the first payment on his land of wilderness. He started on his homeward ride with \$1,500.00 in gold in his saddle bags, when by some mischance his horse escaped and made off through the woods. After a hard chase, the horse was captured and the money recovered. After erecting a cabin, which was one among the first erected in this vicinity, he commenced the arduous task of clearing and improving this land, to enable him to raise a crop of corn and wheat, which was so much needed by the pioneers of Paint Creek Valley at that time. Returning to Pennsylvania, he married Anna Gregory, a Scotch lady, a native of the Keystone State, whom he brought back with him. To this union were born ten children, seven sons and three daughters, Robert, Jr., Walter, William, Richard, James, John, Armstrong, Jane, Margaret, and Nancy Dill, who all grew to manhood and womanhood.

The clearing of this land, cutting the timber, rolling the trees together and burning them, burning the brush and getting the stumps out of the land, and making it ready to cultivate required many years of hard labor. The axe and the gun were the ever-ready companions of the pioneers.

Robert Dill, Sr., was a successful hunter and a daring man. During one of his hunting expeditions he was attacked by about fifteen hungry wolves, and had a desperate fight for his life, but succeeded in beating off his ravenous assailants and making his escape. Mr. Dill was one of the first Trustees of Paxton Township.

By an act to incorporate townships passed at the second session of the First General Assembly of the State of Ohio on the second day of

April, 1804, the inhabitants (or electors) having met at the house of Christian Platter for the purpose of electing township officers, the following were chosen, namely: William Kent, clerk and treasurer, Robert Dill, Christian Platter, Jared Irvin, trustees; Zuri Combs, John Torbet, overseers of the poor; Thomas Edminston, Elisha Kelly, fence viewers; Samuel Jordan, Thomas Massie, listers of taxable property and house appraisers; Robert Edminston, Thomas Dill, John Swan, Spencer Records, Enoch B. Smith, supervisors of highway; Joshua Davis, Benjamin McClure, John White, constables. The records of Paxton Township show that Mr. Dill was elected several times afterwards to various township offices.

Mr. Dill's large family of boys and girls were a great help to him in clearing up this land and cultivating it. He later built a stone house, which at that time was considered a fine residence. He died at his home on this place in 1839. The death of his wife preceded his. He lived to see his farm of wilderness transformed to fertile fields, the Indian trail through the wilderness give way to the wagon trails, the wagon trail to good substantial roads, the cumbersome traveling wagon give way to the equally unwieldy but more elegant and more comfortable stage coach. It can be well said of him that he rounded out a life with all its hardships, joys and pleasures of the early pioneers of the Paint Creek Valley.

His family inherited this land, the boys buying out the girls' interest, paying each one of them the sum of \$5,000.00 therefor. His sons continue to improve this land, some selling out and locating elsewhere, until all had sold out and moved away but Robert, Jr., and William.

His son, Robert Dill, Jr., inherited and purchased the east portion of this land and continued to improve the same, built onto the old homestead, bought some land adjoining the same and was a progressive and up-to-date farmer and his farm was one among the best along the creek. He married Rebecca Somerville and reared a family. Of this family now living is Mary Brown, Louisville, Kentucky; Miss Emma B. Dill, Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Alice Beath, Washington Court House, Ohio; Mrs. Ida Beath, near London, Ohio. Robert Dill, Jr., lived here with his family till the time of the death of himself and wife. This farm is now owned by Mrs. Anna Wallace, of Chillicothe, Ohio.

His son, James Dill, sold out and moved to Hillsboro, Ohio, and engaged in the mercantile business. He married Emily Jones, to which union there were born six children, all of whom are now deceased, except Miss Ella Dill of Hillsboro, and George Dill of Chicago, Illinois.

Richard Dill sold out and went to the State of Missouri. He married Anna Wells, to which union there was born one son, Robert Dill, now deceased.

Walter Dill married Marian Jones, to this union were born two sons, Milton and Byron Dill. He sold out his portion of the Horse Shoe and moved to another part of Paxton Township. This family are all deceased.

Armstrong sold out and moved to the State of California. He was never married and is now deceased.

John Dill sold out and moved to Hillsboro, Ohio, and engaged in the grain business. He married and raised a family. Later he moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he died. J. T. Dill, Miss Anna Dill and Charley Dill are survivors of this family. His daughter, Jane Dill, married Rennick Seymour, of Champaign County, Illinois. To this union were born eight children, Abe, Ab, Phil, Jim, Robert, William Seymour, Sallie and Anna Seymour.

Margaret Dill married Daniel Kelly, to this union were born two children, Robert Kelly, of Chicago, Illinois; Emily Kelly, late of Urbana, Illinois, now deceased.

His daughter, Nancy Dill, married Richard Parker, to this union were born two daughters, Catharine and Maggie, who grew to womanhood and reared families, but are now deceased.

His son, William Dill, inherited and purchased that portion of this land west of his brother, Robert, and later purchased from Walter, his share of his father's estate. He was married, March 6, 1850, to Mary W. Kelly, a native of Bainbridge, Ohio. Her father, Elisha Kelly, was one of the first settlers in Bainbridge, and one of the first officers of the township. He was a blacksmith by trade and at that time an important industry as a great many things in the iron business were hammered out on the anvil, and he employed as many as eight to ten men at his shop to supply the demands of the pioneers. To this union were born eight children, Elisha Dill, of Columbus, Ohio; Frank Dill, near Jeffersonville, Ohio, now deceased; William Dill, of Jeffersonville; Lewis G. Dill, of Waverly, Ohio; Robert Dill, of Fayette County, Ohio; Edward Dill, Bainbridge, Ohio; Maggie Dill, Bainbridge, Ohio; and Ella Dill Poston, Crawfordsville, Indiana. William Dill continued to improve this land he purchased and inherited and built a residence. The brick used in building this residence came from the Indian mound located on the farm and was burned by John Wroten, of Bainbridge, Ohio. He purchased other land to the north of this farm until at the time of his death he owned 700 acres of land. He was a stock raiser in connection with his farming and owned, at one time, a flock of 500 head of sheep, which he grazed on the upland adjoining the Paint Creek land and wintered them on the bottom land. He was also engaged in the fruit business and from his orchards on this upland he sent thousands of bushels of fine peaches and apples to the market each year. He was a stockholder in the Springfield and Jackson Railroad and furnished teams to help construct the same, and with other pioneers and stockholders helped to drive the last spike when the road was finished and connected up on his farm. There was an excursion run from both ends of the road and William Dill, John Storms, Robert Dill, Jr., Thomas Blackstone and James Emmitt, drove the last spike. William Dill gave the right of way for this road on consideration that the road put in a switch for loading grain and freight at this point and that they stop all passenger trains on flag to take on passengers, which station they named Dill's Station.

This was a great convenience for the farmers of this neighborhood and grain and stock, for ten miles down the valley, are loaded at this point. He was a progressive farmer and owned one of the first reapers in this section, purchased one of the first binders when they were invented, which was the No. 9 wire binder, but this was discarded for the reason that the wire killed the cattle that ran to the straw after it was threshed. The twine binder was soon after invented and he purchased this machine. He lived through the progress and invention of the nineteenth century, which to enumerate here would make this article too lengthy. I have heard him say that he had helped to cut, roll together and burn large black walnut, yellow poplar and white oak logs, that if he had at this time would be worth many times more than the land that they were cut from but at that time there was no market for, and this land is very valuable. This Horse Shoe Bend of Paint Creek probably contains as productive and fertile a body of land as there is in the valley, or in the state. The writer, after a period of twenty-five years, visiting this farm witnessed the hauling to the corn crib as fine a quality of corn as he had hauled from this farm twenty-five years before. There seemed to be no exhaustion of the productive quality of this land.

William Dill and wife retired from the farm in 1890, and moved to Bainbridge, Ohio, where they lived until their death. He died in the year 1906, his wife preceded his death. This farm is owned by Edward and Maggie Dill, of Bainbridge, Ohio.

INDIAN MOUNDS OF HORSE SHOE BEND OF PAINT CREEK

There are a number of Indian Mounds in this bend of Paint Creek, three mounds on the William Dill homestead, two in their original state of preservation with the exception of the wear of time. The third and largest was cut into and a kiln of brick burned from the clay from which it is composed, by John Wroten, of Bainbridge, Ohio. This was done at the instance of William Dill for the brick used in the building of the home now standing on this Dill homestead. In this mound were found skeletons of supposed Indian chiefs or notables among the tribes at the time of their burial. There was also found a copper box and other copper trinkets. These findings were given to the Smithsonian Institute.

The peculiarity about these mounds is that they were built out of clay, while the surrounding territory is a black loam. There is a twin to this mound on the Richard Dill farm, now owned by the heirs of Joseph Smith, who have plowed and scraped this mound down so they could farm over it, but there is a visible elevation yet where it stood. These two mounds were the most perfect of any found in the Horse Shoe.

The largest mound in the valley is found on the Blackstone farm, now owned by the Seip heirs at Chillicothe, Ohio. This mound is 240 feet long and 160 feet wide, and was, a few years ago, by actual measurement, 35 feet high. This mound is enclosed by a circular earthen wall embracing seventeen acres, but this wall is almost erased

by the continual farming over it till it is now hardly visible. There were several deer licks in this bend of the creek, and it was, no doubt, a favorite hunting ground for the Indians as there were found numbers of arrow points of flint. Some of the most perfect specimens are to be found there yet and by the farmer in plowing this land, some very good points that are turned up by the plow.

There is a division of opinion about these mounds. Some believe they were erected by the Pre-historic race, but the prevailing belief is that they were built by the Indians to mark the resting place of some notable chief as a hunter or warrior. This belief is confirmed by the fact that when they are opened there are found in them skeletons of the human type.

COPPERAS MOUNTAIN

The large Copperas Mountain has been formed by the continual wear of the creek against a hill about 300 feet high, wearing it away until it is almost perpendicular, and faces about due west against the stream. This mountain serves as an excellent sun-dial for the farmers that are within view of it when the sun is shining, and anyone used to it can tell with accuracy within ten minutes of the time of day from the shadow on the face of the mountain. South of the Horse Shoe Bend of this creek, the country is hilly and mountainous, and was settled up by a good class of citizens, but illiterate, as the school advantages were not very good 100 years ago. They were hunters and did not all avail themselves of the advantages they had, and many is the hunting story told by the inhabitants of this region back of the mountain when they came down in the bottoms in the fall of the year to help cut and gather the corn crop. One old fellow in particular who invariably got his dates mixed with seasons, would relate the deer chase up to and over this mountain, where the dogs got the deer cornered and chased it over the face of the mountain, and it landed at the bottom, where the water flows by, and broke its neck on the ice in July, and the farmers were all plowing corn down in the bottoms. And at another time when he was out hunting wild turkey, he killed such a large gobbler that when he threw it over his back to take it home it was so large its head trailed along in the snow in August. I refrain from giving this name on account of the embarrassment it might cause some of his descendants, who are excellent, good citizens and educated, one son being a minister of the gospel.

Out of the face of this mountain can be found round boulders, which are collected by the near residents for ornaments to decorate the side of the walks to their residences, placing them on either side of the walk, about ten feet apart. This mountain looms up so that it can be seen for three miles or more coming east from Bainbridge, on the Chillicothe and Milford pike, and it derives its name from the copperas found along the face of it. It is visited by a great many people for the fine view from the top of it, of the surrounding country. Some youngsters attempted to climb up the face without going around the side and ascend-

ing gradually, after climbing up some 150 feet they came to a point where they could not get any farther, and when trying to descend found they could not get down nor up, and it was necessary for their companions to search the neighborhood for ropes to let down to them from the top to get them out of their adventure.

SEYMOUR BRIDGE

This bridge was built in 1840, by R. R. Seymour, the contractor. It is a double track covered bridge and the only one of its kind known by the writer. It was built before the age of concrete and steel, and therefore is built entirely with stone and wood, the wood being mortised together and pinned with wooden pins. The stone used in the abutments of this bridge came from the William Dill stone quarries at the top of a large hill about one mile east of the bridge. The stone was quarried out at the top of the hill and a double track laid up and down the hill. Large posts were planted in the ground at the top of the hill and a windlass placed thereon. The stone were loaded on the car, and let down the hill to the pike, the down-going car pulling the empty car up to the top to be loaded and vice versa, the loaded car going down pulling the empty up, and the empty helping to brake the loaded car going down, when the stone were loaded on wagons and hauled to the bridge. This bridge is planked up the sides to keep the rain from injuring the timber, and of a dark night it was surely dark in there. There have been two robberies reported to have occurred in this bridge, but the parties robbed always escaped uninjured. The writer remembers that when he was sent on shopping expedition to Bainbridge or for the mail when he was a boy, that he was told of the robberies, and ghost stories, to bring him home before dark, and it worked well for a time, but one time he was sent for the mail so late it was not possible to get back through this bridge till darkness fell, and how he approached this bridge with all these ghost stories and robberies fresh in his mind, and expecting any time after entering the bridge to be nabbed, but passed safely through. After that time the ghost story did not work any more, and he stayed in town without any horror of passing through the bridge.

R. R. Seymour, the contractor, came from Moorefield, Hardy County, Virginia, in the early part of 1800. He did his work well, for now, seventy-six years since the building of the bridge, it is still standing in a good state of preservation without much repairs, except roofing, and is the equal of the later day steel structures. He afterward became a director in the Milford and Chillicothe Turnpike Company.

INDIAN HISTORY

The last fight the white settlers had with the Indians was at Reeves Crossing, a short distance below the Seymour bridge, with the Shawnee Tribe. In 1795, an exploring party came on to a camp of Indians at this point and were apprized of their location by hearing the tinkling

of the bells on the ponies of the Indians' band. In this exploring party was General Massie, Robert W. Finley, and about thirty other men. After a sharp fight of a few moments, the Indians broke and fled in confusion, across the stream, leaving their camp and its contents to the mercy of the whites. The Shawnees lost several killed and wounded, and of the explorers, one, a Mr. Robinson, who was shot and instantly killed. Massie and his company, being left masters of the situation, gathered together the horses, skins and other valuables of the camp, and with a white man, John Wilcoxon, who had been held a prisoner by the Shawnees and had escaped during the confusion of the battle, commenced a retreat to Manchester, from whence they had set out. This was the last collision which ever occurred between the red men and the whites in the Paint Creek Valley. General Wayne's treaty, shortly after made, ended the hostilities between the Shawnees and the whites, and began a peace which endured until the year 1812. From the date of the Reeves Crossing encounter, the Indians do not appear in the history of Paxton, save as peaceful traveler or hunter within its limits.

E. C. LUNBECK is one of a very prominent old family of Ross County. The Lunbecks were here before Chillicothe was a town and long before Ohio was a state. Mr. Lunbeck has had a long and active career, chiefly identified with what is in the nature of a family industry, the management of the old mill at South Salem.

He was born in Highland County, Ohio, March 20, 1858, a son of Daniel H. and Mary E. (Nixon) Lunbeck. Daniel H. Lunbeck was born on the old homestead in Highland County in 1835, and his wife was born in 1839. The Lunbeck family ancestry is traced back to Sweden. In 1685 two brothers of the name left Sweden, perhaps as sailors, and when their ship was along the coast of the United States it was wrecked and the brothers, on landing, took up permanent settlement and thus started the family history in this country. The family is next heard of in Kentucky, and from Crab Orchard of that state they came into Ohio in 1796. They came through Portsmouth and located near what is now Chillicothe in 1796. There they met some trouble with the Indians, and they finally built two cabins on the site of Chillicothe. One of their companions was Alexander McCoy, maternal grandfather of E. C. Lunbeck. The Lunbecks remained at Chillicothe until 1801, when they removed to Highland County and there established a homestead which was the home of four generations of the family. In the early days the Lunbecks were particular friends of the Indians, were always on good terms with them and carried on an extensive trade. Daniel Lunbeck, Mr. E. C. Lunbeck's grandfather, came to Ohio in 1801. After serving in the Mexican war he came to Highland County, Ohio, and founded the old "Lunbeck Homestead." He built one of the first water-power sawmills on Paint Creek. He married Rachel McCoy. Mr. E. C. Lunbeck's father and mother were married in 1857, and in 1859 moved to Ross County, locating in South Salem. Daniel Lunbeck bought the old mill in 1860, operated it with a partner until about 1884, and he then became sole proprietor. He conducted it until

his death, and after that it was under the firm name of D. H. Lunbeck & Sons until 1908.

In that year Mr. E. C. Lunbeck and his brother Ralph bought the mill from the estate and still direct its operations.

E. C. Lunbeck was reared and educated in Ross County, attended the public schools and the old South Salem Academy, and ever since graduating has been identified with the mill, which is one of the important institutions in this part of the county.

Mr. Lunbeck is a member of the Presbyterian Church and for many years has been a consistent Christian. He has served as mayor of South Salem and also as town trustee. Politically he is a republican.

MICHAEL KRAMER. A man of broad capabilities, energetic, and ever quick to utilize offered opportunities, Michael Kramer achieved distinction in the business circles of Chillicothe, for many years being prominently associated with its mercantile and financial interests, and his death while yet comparatively young was a distinct loss not only to his immediate family and friends, but to the community in which he lived. A native of Germany, he was born November 23, 1849, in Rheinbach, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. His parents, Leonard and Elizabeth Kramer, left the fatherland in 1851, and with their family came to America in a sailing vessel, after a voyage of sixty-five days landing in New York. Coming thence to Ohio, they located in Chillicothe, where both spent their remaining years, dying at a good old age.

But two years old when brought to Chillicothe by his parents, Michael Kramer was educated in the public schools, and at the age of fourteen years, being a bright and capable lad, he secured a position in the establishment of Smart & Kilvert, wholesale grocers. A keen observer, industrious and alert, he became thoroughly acquainted with the details of the business, and in 1879, having by prudent thrift accumulated considerable money, he formed a partnership with George Vaughters, and as junior member of the firm of Vaughters & Kramer embarked in the wholesale grocery business, later becoming actively identified with the banking interests of this part of the county, the partnership continuing until the death of Mr. Kramer.

Mr. Kramer was one of the organizers of the Citizens National Bank, of which he was a director, and the firm of Vaughters & Kramer owned a controlling interest in the Chillicothe Electric Railroad, Light and Power Company, of which Mr. Kramer became treasurer. In addition to these holdings, Mr. Kramer was an extensive land owner, having title to several valuable farms, which he managed through tenants.

Mr. Kramer married, August 3, 1898, Miss Lucy E. Treiber, who was born in Chillicothe, of German parentage. Mrs. Kramer and her three children, William, Grace, and Walter, have a very pleasant and attractive home on Paint Street, and there give glad welcome to their many friends. Religiously Mr. Kramer belonged to the German Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Kramer is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Mr. Kramer died in Jacksonville, Florida, March 1, 1914.

J. E. WILTSHIRE. The sales manager of the Ohio Kiln Company, which operates the improved Hook patent up-and-down kiln, located at Vigo, Ohio, J. E. Wiltshire is widely and favorably known in business circles of Ross County, where he has been identified with a number of enterprises. With his coming to Vigo, about twenty years ago, there was added an element of strength and purpose to the upbuilding of what was a promising and prosperous community, and while he has been busily engaged in building up his own fortunes, he has not lost sight of the needs of the locality where his business activities are centered.

Mr. Wiltshire was born December 29, 1875, at Gillespieville, Ross County, Ohio, and is a son of Dr. J. M. and Mary (Sutherland) Wiltshire. Both the Wiltshire and Sutherland families have long been well known in Ross County, Mr. Wiltshire's grandparents on both sides having come here at an early day. His paternal grandfather was William Wiltshire, who, with his wife, came from Virginia and settled in Scioto Township on a farm, while his maternal grandparents were natives of Scotland. Dr. J. M. Wiltshire was born at Waller Postoffice, Massieville, Ross County, Ohio, and has for many years been a successful physician and surgeon. He and Mrs. Wiltshire, also a native of Ross County, have been the parents of four children, namely: William H., who is engaged in farming in the vicinity of Gillespieville; J. S., a graduate of Starling Medical College, and a post-graduate of Cincinnati Medical School, and now engaged in successful practice at Londonderry; Mary F., who is the wife of Frank Counts, of Richmond Dale, Ohio; and J. E., of this review.

J. E. Wiltshire received his education in the public schools of Londonderry, and was brought up on his father's farm, on which he remained until he was twenty years of age. At that time he began his connection with mercantile pursuits, accepting a position as clerk in the general store at Vigo which was conducted by W. B. Francis, in whose employ Mr. Wiltshire remained during a period of six years. He then went to Chillicothe, where for a short time he was employed by J. Charles Shaffer as a road salesman, but soon returned to Vigo, and in 1902 organized the general store business that was conducted as J. E. Wiltshire. This business he built up to excellent proportions, supplying a trade that extended all over the countryside, and displaying abilities of a fine order, which not only attracted patronage to his establishment but also gave him an excellent reputation. On October 15, 1915, Mr. Wiltshire disposed of his interests in this business and took charge as sales manager of the Ohio Kiln Company. This is an important industry, and, as before stated, operates the improved Hook patent up-and-down kiln, located at Vigo. Under Mr. Wiltshire's capable and energetic management, the sales of this concern have already shown a pleasing increase, and the details of the enterprise are being handled in an efficient and highly systematic manner.

Mr. Wiltshire is a popular member of Scioto Lodge, No. 6, Free and Accepted Masons; Chillicothe Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; Chil-

licothe Council, No. 4, Royal and Select Masters; and Chillicothe Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar. With his family, he belongs to the Vigo Baptist Church, of which he is one of the trustees, and his political belief makes him a republican. His support is accounted decidedly important in the advancement of movements for the welfare of his community, and this support, financial and personal, is freely given.

On March 29, 1896, Mr. Wiltshire was married to Miss Althea M. Lacey, daughter of Isaiah C. and Margaret (Stevens) Lacey. Mrs. Wiltshire was born at Eagle Mills, Vinton County, Ohio, where she grew up and was educated in the public schools, and was teaching in the Glade School at the time of her marriage. To Mr. and Mrs. Wiltshire there have been born two sons: James Orville, a graduate of Doane Academy at Greenville, and now associated with his uncle, at Richmond Dale; and Eldred, who is now pursuing a business course at Chillicothe.

AUGUSTUS NORTON. The career of Augustus Norton has been a long, useful and successful one, in which he has been engaged in a variety of pursuits, including merchandising, banking, farming, and hotel keeping. Also, this veteran of the Civil war has occupied positions of trust in the communities in which he has resided, and at the present time is postmaster at Vigo, an office which he has held since May, 1912.

Mr. Norton was born at Athens, Ohio, December 19, 1837, and is a son of Joseph H. and Rosanna J. (Johnson) Norton. His father was born in Cortland County, New York, near the Town of Homer, in January, 1808, and was twenty years of age when he made his way to Athens, Ohio, here settling among the pioneer residents. Here Mr. Norton met and married Rosanna J. Johnson, who was born and reared at that place. Mr. Norton secured employment as a clerk in the general store kept at Athens, and after gaining sufficient experience and some small capital, founded with his brother the firm of Isaac & J. H. Norton, establishing a general store at Athens. Mr. Norton's brother died in 1837, and in 1841 he became sole owner of the business, which he continued to be connected with until the time of his death.

Augustus Norton received his education in the public schools of Athens and at an early age began to learn the business methods in the store of his uncle and father. In the spring of 1859 he was admitted to partnership in the firm of J. H. Norton & Son, and continued in business activities until 1861. In that year he enlisted in Company F, First Regiment, West Virginia Cavalry, and at the organization of the regiment was elected first lieutenant. After one year he resigned his commission and returned to his Ohio home, where he organized and recruited Company I, Seventh Ohio Cavalry, of which he was made captain. With this command he served until January, 1864, when, owing to an injury, he was obliged to again resign from his military command and return to his home. At this time Captain Norton re-entered business with his father, with whom he was associated until about 1867, then purchasing the elder man's interests. He continued

in business until 1869, when he was compelled to undergo an operation on one of his limbs, owing to an injury received while in the army, and thus he was unable to stand the confinement of mercantile life. Accordingly, he sold his business and purchased a farm in Athens County, on which he resided for something more than ten years. In 1880 he was solicited by the First National Bank to become its vice president and take active charge of its affairs, and after a short period was made president of the institution and continued so for thirteen years, during which time the bank enjoyed the greatest prosperity and established an excellent reputation in banking circles of the state. In 1893 Mr. Norton disposed of his interests at Athens and went to Virginia, where he bought the old Joseph A. Seddon estate, known as Sabot Hill, on which he lived for ten years, then trading it for a hotel at Stanton, Virginia. His experience as a hotel proprietor covered a period of five years, and in 1908 he came back to Ohio, and located at Vigo two years later. In May, 1912, he was appointed postmaster, and this office he has continued to fill to the present time with the greatest ability and to the entire satisfaction of the people.

Mr. Norton married Sarah Westcott Putnam, a daughter of George Putnam and a descendant of General Putnam, of Revolutionary fame. Mr. and Mrs. Norton were married in March, 1866, and are the parents of four sons and four daughters, all living, as follows: J. A.; William H., a physician and surgeon, of Portland, Oregon, a graduate of Ohio University, at Athens, and of Johns Hopkins Institute, and now assistant dean of the University of Oregon; Earl L., who is a traveling salesman for the big packing firm of Swift & Company; Douglas P., connected with the Ford Manufacturing Company, Detroit, Michigan; Frances J., widow of the late C. S. Price, with whom she went to the Ohio University, at Athens, as a classmate, now editor of the Daily Leader, at Mount Clemens, Michigan, of which she was also formerly publisher; Alberta, who is the wife of James M. Rittebur, of Jefferson Township, Ross County; Adele B., who is the wife of Paul W. Schaubert, a druggist of Mount Clemens, Michigan; and Alice C., who is the wife of Allen G. Straight, of Mount Clemens.

Mr. Norton and the members of his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Mason and a republican. In whatever business he has centered his activities and in whatever community he has resided, he has always borne the reputation of an honorable business man and a public-spirited citizen, worthy of the confidence and respect of the people among whom he lived and with whom he labored.

LEWIS FRANKLIN MARINE. Under modern conditions, farm management is taking more and more the character of a profession. It requires expert ability, experience, sound judgment, as well as industry to manage profitably and wisely a large landed estate. That is the business by which Lewis Franklin Marine has found his secure place in the community of Ross County. He is one of the most progressive men of that profession in Deerfield Township. In that rich and fertile part of

Ross County he directs and controls the operations of some 300 or more acres.

He was born on a farm near Allentown, in Fayette County, Ohio, August 14, 1872. His father, William Marine, was also born in Fayette County, April 26, 1845. The grandfather, Robert Marine, was a native of the State of Delaware and that state was also the birthplace of the great-grandfather, who subsequently became one of the pioneer settlers of Fayette County, Ohio. Robert Marine improved a good farm in Paint Creek Valley of Wayne Township, Fayette County, and both he and his wife, Serepta, died there.

William Marine, who was reared on a farm, made that the choice of his vocation in life, and subsequently bought a place near Leesburg, which he operated for many years. He is now living retired at Leesburg. He married Nora J. Ross, who was born in Fayette County, a daughter of Anthony Ross. They became the parents of six children, named Robert, Serepta, Lewis F., Arthur E., Nellie, and Charles.

One of this family, Lewis Franklin Marine grew up on his father's farm, attended district school, and became acquainted with all the details and phases of farm life as a youth. On starting out independently he worked by the month for a time, then rented a small place near Greenfield three years, and with experience he began getting further ahead in the matter of prosperity every season. He afterwards rented the John McLean farm of 200 acres, in Fayette County, and after seven years there went to the Prof. John Shupe farm for two years. In 1908 Mr. Marine came to Deerfield Township, in Ross County, locating on the farm where he now resides. This farm comprises more than 200 acres of land, and he also leases another farm of 100 acres. He has all this land under thorough cultivation, and well deserves a place among the most successful agriculturists of Ross County.

On August 29, 1893, Lewis Marine married Luthera May. Mrs. Marine was born in Vinton County, Ohio, a daughter of Moses and Sarah May. To their marriage have been born five children: Ralph, Owen, Blanche, Roy and Mary V. Mrs. Marine and the children are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically, Mr. Marine is a republican voter, and is affiliated with Magenta Springs Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

SCHUYLER SLAGER represents a younger generation of progressive farmers in Ross County. His active career covers about a quarter of a century and in that time he has managed his business affairs so energetically and with so much enterprise as to constitute a success that might well be envied by the prosperous merchant or manufacturer. He has not neglected his relations to the public at the same time, and has filled a number of local offices.

His birth occurred on a farm in the North Precinct of Union Township July 1, 1870. Most of his own lifetime has been spent within the same township. His father was Jacob Slager, who was born on the River Rhine in Germany. His Grandfather Andy Slager was also a native of

Germany, where he was reared and married. Many years ago he brought his family to America, being accompanied by his wife and five children. The sailing vessel on which they came met with adverse winds and was nearly three months in crossing the ocean. The family came direct to Ross County, the grandfather locating in Deerfield Township, and buying a tract of timbered land. There he erected a double log house and that served as the habitation of the Slager family for a number of years. Settlers in a new and largely undeveloped country, they had the courage and industry that enabled them to cope with all the difficulties and trials. Andy Slager began clearing up his farm, and lived on the place until his death. Both he and his wife lived to a good old age and are buried on the old homestead.

Jacob Slager, who was seven years of age when the family came to this country, continued his education in the pioneer schools of Deerfield Township. When only a boy he did such work as his strength allowed on the home farm, and after his marriage his father gave him a tract of land in Deerfield Township. That was his home until 1870, the year that Schuyler was born, and he then moved to the northern part of Union Township, buying a farm of ninety-eight acres. He busied himself with its general cultivation and lived there until his death. Jacob Slager married Martha Jane Shasteen, a daughter of William Shasteen, one of the early settlers of Union Township.

Schuyler Slager was reared to habits of industry. Attending the district schools a portion of each year he spent the rest of the time on his father's farm, and when ready to start out for himself it was as a renter. Prosperity smiled upon him from the start, and in 1899 he bought a farm of 175 acres in Wayne Township of Pickaway County. After renting that farm for two years he then moved on it himself in 1901, and is still its owner. He then bought the Norman Lutz farm of 253 acres in North Union Township. His home place now comprises 260 acres, is a well improved farm, with excellent buildings, and well fitted for Mr. Slager's enterprise as a general farmer and stock raiser.

In June, 1916, he bought 365 acres of well improved land in North Union Township. Mr. Slager is vice president and stockholder in Ramy Company of Chillicothe; owns a half interest in a tract of 20,000 acres of timberland in Old Virginia; while he and his wife have a sixth interest in 330 acres of valuable land in Green and Deerfield townships of Ross County.

In 1900 he married Verbena Gartner, youngest daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Gartner, natives of Germany. Mr. Gartner was a prominent and influential farmer of Springfield Township, and a man the community could be proud of; kind but firm; his word was as good as his bond. He took active part in everything that he thought would improve the community. Mr. Gartner died in 1913 in his ninetieth year and up to his death he was as active as a man at forty and successfully conducted his large affairs. A more loving father could not be found than he was to his family. He was never spoken of except in praise. Mr. and Mrs. Slager are the parents of two children Elizabeth Martha Gartner and one

son Schuyler Philip G., who died at the age of two years and four months.

They are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and workers in the Sunday School. Mr. Slager for a number of years has interested himself in local affairs and has filled with ability such offices as school director, road supervisor, and for six years was a member of the board of county commissioners.

JOHN ROCKWELL ENTREKIN. Many interesting distinctions surround the name of Entrekina, not only in Ross but in adjoining counties. It is a family that was established in Northwest Territory several years before Ohio was admitted to the Union. The various members of the family have played a worthy part in laying the foundations of civilization and in maintaining the various activities and institutions of their respective communities for more than a century. John Rockwell Entrekina, who represents the third successive generation of the family in this part of Ohio, is now living retired at his home in Frankfort.

He was born in Pickaway Township of Pickaway County October 1, 1844. The Entrekina were Scotch Covenanters. They lived in Dumfriesshire, their seat being located on Entrekina Water, a branch of Nith River, near the pass in the mountains known as Entrekina Pass. A description of this piece of rugged Scotch scenery is given in Crockett's "Men of Moss Haigs." Leaving Scotland on account of religious prosecution, some of the family went to the North of Ireland, and from there came to America, settling in Pennsylvania. William Entrekina, great-grandfather of John R. Entrekina, was a son of Scotch parents. He married Elizabeth Hall, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and later removed to Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, and in 1796 came to the Northwest Territory, being one of the first settlers in Ross County. He located in Hometown, where his wife died in 1800. At that time Ohio was a complete wilderness, with only a few scattered settlements north of the river. Indians roamed at will and claimed the largest part of the state as their hunting grounds. The pioneers like the Entrekina subsisted as frontiersmen, living on meat obtained from wild game, and practically without conveniences or facilities for transportation or any of the items of modern comforts.

One of the very distinguished characters in the early life of this section of Ohio was Col. John Entrekina, grandfather of John R. Col. John Entrekina was born in 1777, on the Hall farm on Willoughby Creek and the Cashtown Road. On that farm nearly a century later, on the morning of July 1, 1863, the great battle of Gettysburg opened. When he was thirteen years of age he accompanied his parents to Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, and from there, in 1796, came to the Northwest Territory. He distinguished himself as a gallant soldier in the Ohio militia during the days when Indian fighting was common, and especially during the second war with Great Britain, in 1812. He was a colonel in that war, and for many years was active in the state military circles. In 1819-20 he served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, and afterwards was associate judge of the Court of Common Pleas of

Pickaway County. His first home in the wilderness of Ohio was a double log house, heated by fireplace, and his wife did all her cooking by the open fire. Colonel Entrekin bought a tract of timbered land in Pickaway Township, on the road leading from Portsmouth to Columbus. For years after he settled here there were no railroads or canals, and transportation was largely by flatboat down the streams or by stages which ran out of Columbus in every direction. Colonel Entrekin directed the clearing of a large amount of land in this section of Ohio. From the modern standpoint, the method of clearing was extremely wasteful of valuable timber. Logs of splendid black walnut and oak were rolled together in piles and burned, in order that the ground might be cleared for cultivation. Colonel Entrekin served for several years as justice of the peace. He was a model justice. Wherever possible he settled cases that came before him without trial or recourse to the law. This he did by giving good advice to the litigants, and oftentimes he sent the parties away friends when otherwise they might have been confirmed enemies. A great many experiences might be described in which the Entrekins shared during their early years in Ohio. All grain was cut from the fields with a sickle and trampled out with horses. Later came the cradle as an improvement over the old sickle, and finally threshing machines operated by horse power. The first threshing machines were extremely crude, and the grain, straw and chaff, all came out together, the straw being shaken out and the wheat and chaff put through a fanning mill operated by hand. John R. Entrekin worked with the first threshing machine of this county. He also helped drive the horses tramping out wheat ready to be cleaned by fanning mills.

Col. John Entrekin married Nancy Crouse. That introduces another pioneer family in these annals. Her father, John Crouse, was born in what is now Carroll County, Maryland, January 13, 1759. He learned the trade of tailor. In June, 1776, he enlisted as a private at Fredericksburg for six months in a company of the Flying Corps enrolled by Capt. Jacob Good, of Col. Charles G. Griffith's regiment, attached to Gen. Rezen Beal's brigade. After his return from the war he lived near Sam's Creek, in Frederick County, Maryland. On May 14, 1782, he had conveyed to him five acres of land on the east side of Dollarhide Creek, on the road from Fredericktown to Baltimore. In 1788 John Crouse removed to Orange County, North Carolina, but in a few years returned to Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, and in 1798 came with his wife and six children to the Northwest Territory. During the same year he bought from William McCoy and John De Rush a corn cracking mill on the Kinnikinnick Creek in what is now Green Township of Ross County. There he erected the first flour mill in the valley. That was a splendid convenience to the early settlers and he did a large business and made money rapidly. This money he invested in lands until he was the owner of more than 5,000 acres in Ross, Pickaway and Delaware counties. He was as liberal as he was successful. He donated land in Kingston for the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Both he and his wife were among the first members of the Methodist Church at Kingston. John Crouse married Catherine Umstead, a daughter of

Nicholas and Ann (Davis) Umstead. John Crouse died in Kingston September 5, 1847, and his wife died August 5, 1850.

William Entrekin, son of Col. John Entrekin, was born in Pickaway Township of Pickaway County, March 12, 1812, a short time before the outbreak of the second war with Great Britain. As a young man he had many of the pioneer and frontier experiences. In 1832, at the age of twenty, he accompanied his father on a trip to what was then known as the Northwest, passing through the states of Indiana and Illinois and the territories of Wisconsin and Iowa. Much of Illinois and Indiana were still government land, and very few settlements indeed had been made in Wisconsin or Iowa. On the prairies of Iowa they witnessed almost countless buffalo. Chicago was a village when they passed through it, and apparently without promise for the future. While there, some parties offered to trade them a tract of land now included in the city for their horses.

William Entrekin, father of John R. Entrekin, became a prominent farmer and stock raiser. He raised mules, cattle and sheep, and eventually succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead in Pickaway Township, where he and his father erected a commodious brick house, then an important landmark in the country. At that home he lived until his death on June 1, 1892. William Entrekin married Jane Bell. She was born March 7, 1820, a daughter of William Bell, one of the pioneer merchants of Circleville. Her death occurred May 28, 1910. Her four children were John R., Creatin, Flora Belle, and Tacy Crouse.

John Rockwell Entrekin, being the son of prosperous parents, was given an unusually liberal education for his time and generation. He graduated from the Kingston High School, spent one year in the Michigan State University at Ann Arbor and three years in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. After completing his college course he returned home and took up farming as his regular vocation. For a number of years he was associated with his father, and his life's efforts have been judiciously bestowed and correspondingly rewarded. He remained on the old homestead until 1907, when he removed to Frankfort to occupy the old Anderson home there.

Mr. Entrekin married Laura Anderson, a daughter of David C. and Sarah (Tulleys) Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Entrekin have reared one son, named Carl Anderson. Carl Anderson, who was educated in the South Salem Academy, is now an electrician at Columbus. He married Margaret C. Coughman, of Washington Court House. For their wedding trip they went abroad with his Grandfather Anderson, and during the three months' tour visited the Holy Land and many of the principal points of interest in Europe. Carl Entrekin is an active member of Magnolia Lodge, No. 20, Free and Accepted Masons; Ohio Chapter, No. 12, Royal Arch Masons; Columbus Council, No. 8, Royal and Select Masters; Mount Vernon Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, and Aladdin Temple of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. and Mrs. Entrekin are active members of the Presbyterian Church and he is one of the regular attendants of the Bible Class of Sunday school at Frankfort. Fraternally he is also an active Mason,

being affiliated with Frankfort Lodge, No. 309, Free and Accepted Masons; Chillicothe Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; Chillicothe Council, Royal and Select Masters; Chillicothe Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar, and has been a member of Kingston Lodge, No. 419, of the Knights of Pythias since 1890.

ALONZO T. SWEPSTONE. A man of prominence among the county officials, Alonzo T. Swebstone, of Chillicothe, sheriff of Ross County, possesses in a marked degree the discretion, trustworthiness, and force of character requisite for the responsible position he is so acceptably filling. He was born December 28, 1856, in a hewed log house in Richland Township, Vinton County, Ohio, on the same farm that the birth of his father, Charles Swebstone, occurred in 1833.

John Swebstone, his paternal grandfather, a native of Virginia, came to Ohio in pioneer days, accompanied by his wife and three children, making the journey with a horse and cart, bringing his household goods, and camping and cooking by the wayside. Purchasing from the Government a tract of forest-covered land in Richland Township, he made a small clearing, on which he first built from round logs a cabin, with an earth and stick chimney, but no floor. He subsequently built three other log houses, each one more pretentious than the previous one. The last that he built was a substantial hewed log house, the boards of which were sawed at the old water-power mill, dressed by hand, and held in place by wooden pins, no nails having been used in its construction. The roof was covered with boards rived by hand, and held in place by weight poles. John Swebstone was a man of versatile talents, a natural mechanic, and could make a wagon, shoe a horse, or repair a clock, and was skilled as a millwright. For many years he served as justice of the peace, and the book in which he kept the record of his docket shows that the fines assessed were sometimes paid in coon skins, and very frequently in agricultural products. Redeeming a farm from the wilderness, he occupied it until his death, at the age of four score and four years. He married Sarah Brewster, and to them seven sons and an equal number of daughters were born, as follows: Jack, William, Edward, Samuel, Thomas, Charles, George, Jane, Cynthia, Tabitha, Temperance, Sarah, one whose name is not recorded, and Minnie.

Charles Swebstone was early taught to work, as a boy assisting in the work incidental to life on a farm, and later serving an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade. He succeeded to the ownership of a portion of the parental homestead, and in addition to farming operated a smithy on his farm for many years. Selling his farming property, he lived for awhile in Columbus, but now makes his home with a daughter, near Frankfort. The maiden name of his wife was Mariam Ramey. She was born in Vinton County, a daughter of Elias and Sarah Ramey, and a granddaughter of Hiram and Mary Jane Ramey. She died in 1905, leaving eight children, namely: Alonzo T., the special subject of this brief sketch; Robert S.; Winnie Lidora and Sarah Leora, twins; Minnie Jane; Ella; Emma; and Annie.

As a boy Alonzo T. Swebstone became interested in agriculture, and

at the age of fourteen years assumed the management of the home farm. Going to Dawson County, Nebraska, in 1879, he was in the employ of the Nebraskan Hay Company a year, and then returned home. In 1884 Mr. Swepstone located on the John Cline Farm, near Frankfort, where he was busily employed for six years. In December, 1890, he came to Chillicothe to accept the position of deputy sheriff, and for four years filled that office most satisfactorily. In 1895 Mr. Swepstone entered the employ of the McCormick Harvester Company as traveling salesman, continuing with that firm a year, and the ensuing year filling a similar position with the Deering Company. The democratic candidate for sheriff in 1896, Mr. Swepstone was elected, polling over a thousand more votes than his republican opponent.

From 1890 until 1894, while then serving as deputy sheriff, Mr. Swepstone was extensively engaged in the hotel business, operating four different ones in the city, including the Swepstone; the Haynes, which is now the New Nelson; the Phoenix; and the Adena. He has also had an interest in seven different livery stables, in Chillicothe and Columbus. In 1910 he was once more called upon to fill the position of deputy sheriff, and in 1914 was elected to his present position as sheriff. Mr. Swepstone is very widely known in his official capacity, but many are more intimately acquainted with him as an auctioneer, a profession in which he is specially proficient, having followed it to a more or less extent since eighteen years of age.

Mr. Swepstone married, in 1879, Mary L. Cozad, who was born in Allenville, Vinton County, a daughter of Abraham and Anna Cozad. Mr. and Mrs. Swepstone have five children living, namely: Algie Ethel, who married Lane Gudgeon, and has two children, Mildred and Mary; Robert Earl, who married Osie Smith; Mattie Cline, wife of Albert Saul, has two children, Mildred and Barton Alonzo; Donald Blacker; Gladys; and Elizabeth. Mrs. Swepstone is a member of the Christian Church.

JOSEPH H. NEELY, of South Salem is an interesting personality and a man of varied accomplishments. In his time he has followed the trades of blacksmith, carriage maker, painter and decorator, and musician. Everything he has ever undertaken has been well done and he has made himself one of the most useful members of any community where he has had his home.

Mr. Neely was born in Springfield, Ohio, November 30, 1851, a son of James J. and Elizabeth (Souders) Neely. His father was born in Newark, New Jersey, grew up there and learned his trade as blacksmith after a thorough apprenticeship. He became a skilled workman and as a journeyman he arrived in Springfield, Ohio, where he met and married Elizabeth Souders. She was also a native of New Jersey and had come with her parents when a young girl to Dayton, Ohio, making the journey by wagon. From Dayton she went to Springfield, and after her marriage Mr. and Mrs. James Neely continued to live in that city until about 1866-67. They then came to Lyndon in Ross County, where the father bought a shop. After two years he sold out and took a wagon trip to

Kansas, going by way of Jefferson City, Missouri. He did not remain there long, and on returning to Ohio again located in Springfield for a year. About 1870 the family located in Salem of Ross County, where the father rented a shop from Henry Moomaw and followed his trade for several years. He was considered one of the best blacksmiths in Ross County, and was especially skillful as a worker in steel. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was affiliated with Springfield Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. He had first enlisted in the Fifth Ohio Cavalry, with which organization he received an injury that gave him an honorable discharge. On recovering he enlisted in the Sixteenth Ohio Battery and served for two years as blacksmith. James J. Neely and wife had four children, all of whom grew up, but the only one now surviving is Joseph H. James was a blacksmith and died at Springfield. Elizabeth died unmarried at Salem. Peter, also a blacksmith, died in New York City.

Joseph H. Neely acquired his early education in the common schools of Springfield. As a boy he studied blacksmithing in his father's shop, and served a complete apprenticeship, acquiring not only the fundamentals of blacksmithing but also carriage trimming, painting and everything connected with those trades.

On August 3, 1871, Mr. Neely married Virginia G. Gregory, a daughter of Aaron Gregory. After his marriage Mr. Neely followed painting in Greenfield for a year, spent another year at Good Hope, the following year at Springfield, and then returned to Lyndon in Ross County, where he remained three years. Changing his location to Salem, his health broke down there, and after a time he was associated with his father in the blacksmith shop. Since then he has followed his trade successfully for many years at South Salem, and everyone in that community knows his ability as a blacksmith and painter. For some three or four years he was associated with two of his sons at Greenfield under the name Neely & Riley Knife and Saw Company. They built a factory and manufactured cutlery and saws of all kinds.

Mr. Neely is widely known for his musical talent. He began the study of music at the age of eighteen, and his specialty is the E flat cornet, which he has played in many organizations and on many occasions through a period of thirty-five years. He played the alto with the band at Salem, and he organized the band and led it for many years. Afterwards for ten years he was leader of the Sixth Regiment band at Chillicothe, and was then bandmaster of the Seventeenth Regiment band under Colonel Hamilton for three years. Since then he has been leader of the Neely Cadet Band at South Salem. This band was first organized in 1903 and reorganized in 1904.

Mr. and Mrs. Neely have three talented children: Herbert G., who graduated from the Cincinnati Musical College, is a talented musician who has continued his studies abroad, and has filled some very responsible positions in the musical field. Emil G., who is an expert trombone player, is postmaster and general merchant at South Salem. Maggie G. is the wife of Dr. Marson of Anderson, Indiana, and she is a proficient

instrumentalist on the piano. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church and politically Mr. Neely is a republican. For some years he has served on the village council at South Salem.

THEODORE RUSSELL CLARKE. One of the very prominent old families of Ross County is represented by Theodore Russell Clarke, whose chief business in life has been farming. Farming is a real business with him, and he has pursued it with energy, intelligence and thorough adaptability to the pursuit, and consequently his success has followed as a matter of course. He now operates one of the finest farms in Deerfield Township.

His birth occurred on a farm in Twin Township of Ross County May 14, 1864. He is a grandson of James Clarke, who for many years conducted one of the early wholesale grocery houses in Chillicothe, where he died in 1869. This honored old merchant married Sarah Quinn. Her father, Rev. James Quinn, was a pioneer Methodist preacher, who, in the words of a former historian, "was a man of ability and wielded great influence." He was in 1814 presiding elder of the district including Ross County and adjacent counties. Mrs. James Clarke died in 1873. Her three sons were named William, James and Matthew. The son William became a merchant of Cincinnati, while James settled in Sandusky.

Matthew Clarke, father of Theodore Russell, was born in Chillicothe December 9, 1840. He was given a good education, and about the time he reached manhood held the position of head bookkeeper in his father's mercantile house. He gave up business to become a soldier. October 26, 1863, he enlisted in Company H of the Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, went with his command to the front and was in nearly all of its marches, campaigns and battles until the close of the war. He received his honorable discharge on May 10, 1865. On returning to Ross County he took up farming in Twin Township, having located on a farm there only a short time before his enlistment. Farming was his business until 1870, and he then set up a store at Salem, but in 1876 sold out and bought a farm in Deerfield Township. Thereafter he was engaged in farming during the rest of his active life. His death occurred April 10, 1914. Matthew Clarke married Martha Core. She was born in Twin Township January 17, 1837, a daughter of Col. David and Polly (McDonald) Core, and her maternal grandfather, Col. John McDonald, was the noted pioneer, soldier and author. Her Grandfather Core improved a farm in Ross County in the early days, and he and his wife spent their last years there. Mrs. Clara Clarke died April 27, 1900. The children were named David Elsworth, Theodore Russell, Lewis Greenwood, Allison McClintock and Sarah Ella.

Reared on a farm Theodore Russell Clarke found a congenial pursuit in rural life, and almost as soon as his education was completed he took a responsible place on his father's farm. He operated the old homestead until 1912 and in that year leased the Samuel Dunlap farm in Deerfield Township, and has since conducted general farming and stock raising operations there.

In October, 1900, Mr. Clarke married Emma Allemang. She was born near New Holland in Pickaway County, Ohio. Her father, Caruthers Allemang, was born in Concord Township of Ross County, and her grandfather, George Allemang, was a native of West Virginia, whence he came to Ohio and settled near the present site of Harper's Station. He was a blacksmith by trade, and for many years conducted a shop on his home farm. His last years were spent in peace and comfort on the farm, where he died when well upwards of eighty years. George Allemang married Jane Clark, who was born in Pennsylvania and survived her husband, spending her last years in Greenfield. Caruthers Allemang, father of Mrs. Clarke, married Abitha Clowser, whose father, George Clowser, was born near Harper's Station, Ohio, and spent his life as a farmer there. George Clowser married Jane Bell, who was born at London, Ohio, and her last days were also spent in Greenfield, where she died at the age of seventy-three.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have reared three children: Mathew Quinn, William Caruthers and Evelyn Merle. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke are members of the Clarksburg Methodist Church. Besides his operations as a farmer he takes an intelligent part in local affairs and is at present a member of the board of township trustees. He is affiliated with Clarksburg Lodge No. 721 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with Williamsport Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America.

WILLIAM RUDELL has his farm home and his interests in Deerfield Township, where he has been a resident for the past twenty years. His ancestry is German, but the Rudells have lived in this country for many years and the family have been an industrious and worthy contribution to any community which they have honored by their residence.

Born at Westfall in Pickaway County, Ohio, December 29, 1866, William Rudell is a son of John Rudell, who was born in Germany. The grandparents brought their family from Germany to America, locating in Ross County, where Grandfather and Grandmother Rudell spent their last days. John Rudell was but a boy when he came to America but remembered well the long and stormy voyage of ninety days. It was a sailing vessel on which they came to this country and during the long voyage provisions ran short and many deaths occurred among the passengers. John Rudell grew up on a farm, adopted farming as his regular vocation, and after his marriage rented a place in the western part of Pickaway County, later moved to Madison County, where he rented a farm near London. He was successfully engaged in farming there until his death in 1906, when eighty-two years of age. The maiden name of his wife was Catherine Dotter, who was born in Germany and came to America with her parents. Her death occurred at the age of seventy-two, in 1908. The seven children who grew up in her household were Lizzie, William, Catherine, Frank, Mary, Edward, and Annie.

It was with a common school education and with such practical experience as could be obtained on a home farm that William Rudell began life for himself. For several years he worked by the month, and after-

wards rented a farm in Madison County. He remained in that county until 1895 and then came to Deerfield Township to live on the Peter Wilkins homestead. This he has since successfully conducted as a stock raising and general farming proposition, has made many improvements and has secured ample provision for his own family.

In 1889 he married Mary Wilkins, who was born on the farm where she now resides, a daughter of Peter and Eliza J. (Shanton) Wilkins. Mrs. Rudell is descended from two of the oldest families in Deerfield Township. Their marriage has been blessed by three children, Elsie, Mabel and George. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rudell are members of the Presbyterian Church and fraternally he is affiliated with Clarksburg Lodge No. 721, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with the Encampment of that order, and also with Williamsport Lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America.

GEORGE HAMMAN. A resident of Ross County during most of his active years, George Hamman has found success through the avenues of hard work, concentrated attention to his business, and by honorable and straightforward methods he has enjoyed the best elements of success, has acquired a good home, has given his family the comforts of living and education and is still a man of active affairs. His residence is in Deerfield township.

His birth occurred in Beaver Township of Pike County, Ohio, October 18, 1859. His grandparents Peter and Laura Hamman spent their early lives in Germany and after their marriage lived in the old country until 1834. Setting out for America, they embarked on one of the sailing vessels which then were almost the only means of transport across the Atlantic, and were forty days from port to port. Coming west to Ohio they located in Pike County in Seal Township, where they spent the remainder of their days. They arrived in Seal Township in the month of May, and Grandfather Peter Hamman died in the following September. His widow survived him many years, and was eighty-two when she died. Her four sons were named Henry, George, Peter and Philip, and she also had a daughter named Elizabeth.

Philip Hamman, father of George, was born on the River Rhine in Germany March 15, 1815. He was about nineteen years of age when his parents came to America and his education was that supplied by the German schools. He was a man of intelligence, of thrift and sound judgment, and was able to take a man's part in life when he arrived in America. He afterwards bought land in Beaver Township of Pike County, and was successfully engaged in general farming there. Gradually his means increased and he purchased other tracts of land until his ownership covered nearly three hundred acres. With the exception of three years in Seal Township his home was in Beaver Township until his death in his eighty-second year. Philip Hamman married Martha Bumgarner, who was born in Beaver Township of Pike County, October 5, 1821. Her parents, Reuben and Martha (Carson) Bumgarner, were among the pioneers of Pike County, having come to that locality from Pennsylvania,

where they were born. Mrs. Philip Hamman died in her eighty-third year. Her twelve children were John, Catherine, Reuben, Margaret, Elizabeth, Jacob, Ellen, Philip, Laura, Mary, George and Benjamin.

One of the younger children of his parents, George Hamman grew up in a large household, and with his brothers and sisters attended the local schools. As his father had come to America at the age of nineteen, so George Hamman at a similar age left the parental roof and began doing for himself in the State of Illinois. He worked at monthly wages for about a year, but then returned to Ohio and after working out for a while rented some land. He continued renting farms in Liberty, Scioto and Concord townships, and for six years had the Blosser farm in Concord Township.

In the meantime his capital was increasing with his experience and he then bought the farm which he now owns and occupies in Deerfield Township. This is a thoroughly improved place of three hundred acres, and ranks as one of the best farms in the entire county. Besides this fine estate Mr. Hamman has several other farms which are operated by renters.

At the age of twenty-six Mr. Hamman chose as his helpmate through life Miss Emma Vallery. Mrs. Hammond was born in Seal Township of Pike County. Her father Conrad Vallery was born in Baden, Germany, May 5, 1816. Her Grandfather Peter Vallery was also a native of Baden, and in 1833 brought his family to America, making the voyage in a sailing vessel just as the Hamman family did in the following year. From New York they came on to Pike County and he bought a tract of wild land in Beaver Township. The first home of the Vallery family in America was a log cabin such as most of the early settlers occupied. Peter Vallery spent the rest of his years in improving his land, but died a few years after coming to America. His wife Charlotte survived him and finally removed to Cass County, Nebraska, where she died at the home of a son when ninety years of age. Her four children were Conrad, Jacob, Peter and Mary. Conrad Vallery, the father of Mrs. Hamman, was seventeen years old when he came to America and had in the meantime acquired a good education in his native land. His early experience was connected with farming, and he was left well fitted to engage in agricultural pursuits in Ohio. He became one of Pike County's very successful farmers, and eventually purchased the Governor Lucas homestead in Seal Township. At the time of his death at the age of fifty-four he was the owner of several large tracts of land besides this homestead. Conrad Vallery married Christina Zahn, a daughter of Andrew and Abaline (Schafer) Zahn. Her mother died when she was young, and she came with her father and her paternal grandparents to America, all of them settling in Pike County. Mrs. Christina Vallery died in her eighty-eighth year, having reared nine children, named Elizabeth, Conrad, Peter, Jacob, John, Andrew, Christina, Emma and Catherine.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamman are the parents of three children: Christina, Royal V. and George W. The daughter Christina is the wife of Carl

B. Gearhart, and their son George Hamman Gearhart is the only grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Hamman.

JOSEPH M. MCCOY. A few families can claim the distinction of having existed continuously and contemporaneously with the entire history of Ross County, covering almost one and a quarter century. Such a family is that of McCoy, one of whom, Joseph M. McCoy, has been chosen as the subject of this brief sketch.

Mr. McCoy now owns and occupies a fine old homestead which is in itself a landmark in Union Township, and has a host of associations connecting it with the bygone generations of this name.

The founder of the family here was John McCoy or MacCoy, as the name was variously written. This pioneer was a native of Scotland. When he was nine years of age he showed his independence and enterprising character by running away from his native land and in course of time found his way to America. He lived a number of years in the province and state of Pennsylvania and eventually came to Ohio. He was the father of four sons.

One of these sons was also named John and was born in Pennsylvania April 15, 1771. He married Margaret Kerr, also a native of Pennsylvania. The ten children reared by them were named Martha, Margaret, Jane, Silence, Alexander Spear, William Kerr, John Montgomery, Mary Gene, Eliza and Sally Ann. The daughter Margaret was the first white child born in Ross County. Her birth occurred here March 1, 1795, and that date of itself attests the very early settlement of the McCoy family within these borders.

William Kerr McCoy, father of Joseph M., was born in a log house on the same spot subsequently occupied by the home in which his son Joseph was born. William K. first saw the light of day January 30, 1807. He grew up and shared the lot of the early pioneer in the last century, and eventually succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead where he pursued general farming, and lived there until his death in 1892. William K. McCoy married Margaret Afflick. She was born in Scotland January 11, 1815. Her father James Afflick was born in Drumelgier in the County of Peebles, Scotland, in 1776. On July 19, 1799, James Afflick married Marian Gladstone. She was a niece of John Gladstone and a cousin of Hon. William Ewart Gladstone, the great English premier. In 1818 James Afflick and wife came to the United States and located near Winchester, Virginia. Margaret Afflick when a young girl left her parents' home in Virginia and came to Ross County to live with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Steel, and remained there until her marriage to William K. McCoy. She reared nine children named James, Margaret, John A., Mary, David, Wilson, Gladstone, Addie and Joseph M. The son James was for many years connected with the Baltimore & Ohio Railway and is now deceased. Margaret is the wife of Moses Steel. John A. died when about twenty years of age. Mary married Samuel Shortridge and now lives in Circleville, Ohio. David was a soldier in the Union army and lost his life while in the service.

Wilson died when about thirty years of age. Gladstone was a farmer and spent his last days at Circleville. Addie is living near Ashville, Ohio, the wife of Howard Veail.

Born on the old McCoy estate in Union Township in September, 1856, Joseph M. McCoy spent his early life in the usual manner of farmer boys of half a century ago. He attended rural schools and developed his strength and judgment by the tasks of the home farm. After reaching manhood he moved to Pickaway County, and there farmed as a renter for seventeen years. He then went back to the old homestead, and has since become its proprietor and it shows many evidences of his careful management and cultivation. The McCoy home occupies a conspicuous and attractive site on a high tableland commanding an extended view in every direction. The improvements on the farm rank with the best found anywhere in the township. The fine dwelling has withstood the storms of many years, and is a very substantial old building, a part of it including the original log cabin in which Mr. McCoy's father was born. Besides being an active farmer Mr. McCoy has served as a member of the board of township trustees for many years.

PHILLIP W. REEVES. The master mechanic in the Baltimore & Ohio shops at Chillicothe, Phillip W. Reeves began his railroad career as an office boy with the old Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad. His career has been one of consecutive advancement, and he has long enjoyed the confidence of his superiors and of a large force of men under him at Chillicothe.

He was born August 1, 1853, in Ross County, son of William and Ann (Linehar) Reeves. His father was born in the City of Limerick, Ireland, and after coming to America spent a time in Kentucky and then moved to Martinville in Clinton County, Ohio, where he followed farming. In 1849 he located in Chillicothe and followed the business of teaming until his death in January, 1873. He was a devout Catholic, and possessed traits that made him many friends and a highly esteemed citizen of his community. His just dealings and uprightness were proverbial and on account of his fine judgment he was known and called among his friends Judge Reeves. He was the father of nineteen children, six of whom are now living. Their mother was a very kind woman, and she lived to be eighty-four years of age, while the father died at the age of seventy-six.

Phillip W. Reeves after getting his education became an office boy in that part of the Baltimore & Ohio system formerly known as the Marietta & Cincinnati. For one year he remained in the general offices of the company at Chillicothe, and then began an apprenticeship in the railroad shops. After completing his apprenticeship he served as a journeyman mechanic for the company twelve years, followed by promotion to gang foreman, and after four years in that work he was made shop foreman. With a thorough knowledge of the business of the shops, a capable executive and with a faculty for courteous but firm handling of men, he was finally promoted to the position of master mechanic at Chillicothe, an office for which he has exceptional qualifications.

Mr. Reeves is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is independent in politics, and belongs to the Catholic Church. On January 4, 1884, he married Miss Nellie Foltz, by which union there were two children. Mrs. Reeves died in 1895. On September 21, 1898, he married Miss Julia Gallagher, and there are three daughters of this marriage, two of whom are in the local high school, the elder a member of the graduating class of 1917. One of Mr. Reeves' sons by his first marriage is a mechanic in the Baltimore & Ohio shops at Chillicothe.

WARREN MCCOLLISTER has given his useful and energetic years to the business of farming. His home is in Union Township, and the farm and its improvements represent the value of his long continued industry and efficient management.

A native of Ross County, he was born near Yellowbud in Union Township January 6, 1875, the only child of Irvin and Mary (Lutz) McCollister. His mother, who was born in Union Township, was the daughter of Samuel Lutz, Jr., and the granddaughter of Hon. Samuel Lutz, who was one of the very prominent early settlers and prominent men of Pickaway County.

Reared on a farm, Warren McCollister received such education as the rural schools could give him, and by previous training and experience was well qualified to become an independent farmer on reaching manhood. For twenty years or more he has industriously tilled the soil and reaped its fruits, and all of his activities have been within the limits of his native township. In 1912 Mr. McCollister bought the farm he now owns and occupies. This is known as the Noble homestead, and is one of the well improved farms of the county. Besides general farming, he is also engaged in stock raising, and makes a specialty of Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs.

In 1893 Mr. McCollister married Rose Leist. She was born in Union Township, a daughter of Lemuel and Jennie (Day) Leist. Mr. and Mrs. McCollister have two children, Cary L. and Blanche. Cary married Hazel Parker, while Blanche is the wife of Bert Wood. As a voter Mr. McCollister cast his first ballot for William McKinley twenty years ago, and has ever since been a steadfast supporter of the republican party. He has been as public spirited as he has been industrious in the management of his private affairs, and has served as a member of his township school board.

SEYMOUR LAYTON. The business of farming has engaged the attention of Seymour Layton since he was a boy. In early years he managed the farm in the interests of his mother and his sisters and for the past twelve years has been one of the progressive agriculturists of Union Township.

He was born on a farm in Fayette County, Ohio, November 14, 1864. His father Tilton Layton came from Fayette County to Ross County, and bought a farm in the North Precinct of Union Township. He followed

farming there until his death in 1880. The widowed mother, who still occupies the old homestead, is a daughter of John and Rebecca Tootle, and her maiden name was Eleanor Maria Tootle. She reared five children named Seymour, Ida, Flora, Rebecca and Lucretia.

As the only son of the family, the responsibilities of the homestead largely devolved upon the shoulders of Seymour Layton when his father died. He was at that time sixteen years of age, and such education as he acquired had been gained in the meantime by attendance at the local schools. He proved himself an able worker and did much to keep the family household together until his sisters were grown. He remained on the home farm until 1904, when he bought the place he now owns and occupies in North Union Township. It is a fertile and well improved farm, and he and his family reside in an attractive house situated on a knoll commanding an extensive view of the surrounding country.

In the year that he started out independently, 1904, Mr. Layton married Bessie Wilson. Mrs. Layton was born in Ross County, a daughter of Alex Wilson. To their marriage have been born two children, Marjorie and Thelma.

WILLIAM J. HAYNES. The founder of the Haynes family in Ross County, Ohio, came to Chillicothe in 1798, a blacksmith by trade and an enterprising man. His son, George Haynes, was also a blacksmith and assisted in the construction of the first bridge that spanned the Scioto River in Ross County. He married Isabel Nicholls and they reared a family of five sons and six daughters, the vigor of this stock being shown in their longevity.

William J. Haynes, a prominent representative of this old pioneer family, a substantial business man of Richmond Dale, was born April 12, 1865, in Pike County, Ohio, and is a son of John and Rosanna (Cissna) Haynes, a grandson of George Haynes and a great-grandson of the founder of the Haynes family in this part of Ohio.

John Haynes was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1843 and is now deceased. For many years he was a substantial farmer in Pike County. He was married to Rose Ann Cissna, who was born at Piketon, Ohio, and they had seven children born to them: Isabella, William J., C. E., Jenetta, Cornelius, O. C. Dell and John, Jr.

William J. Haynes was reared on the home farm in Pike County, attended the district schools and later the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, when he came to Richmond Dale to embark in a general mercantile business with William A. Maxwell, purchasing a half interest. This partnership was continued for eighteen months, when Mr. Haynes sold his interest and carried on business alone for two years, then purchased the business of Stultz & Seigler and organized the new firm of Stultz & Haynes, later buying his partner's interest. Mr. Haynes continued alone until 1901, when Roscoe Dixon became a partner and one year later Mr. Haynes sold his interest to Mr. Dixon and embarked in another line of merchandising, this being dealing wholesale in fence posts,

and in 1906 he added electrical supplies. He does an extensive business, entirely wholesale. He also looks after his valuable real estate.

In 1885 Mr. Haynes was married to Miss Jennie M. Davis, of Richmond Dale, and they had four children: J. Scott, W. Ward, Clarence P., and Clifford C., the last named being deceased. The mother of these children died July 23, 1896. On February 22, 1899, Mr. Haynes was married to Miss Ella M. Drummond, of Ross County, and they have two children: Herman H. and Mabel L. The family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Haynes is a leading factor in republican political circles. He has been a delegate to county, state and national conventions, and from 1897 to 1912 was postmaster of Richmond Dale. He takes much interest in educational matters and was largely responsible for the legislation that brought about the centralization of the schools of Jefferson Township. For five years he served as township treasurer. He is a member of and is past president of the R. O. O. L.

CHARLES H. FREE. In the person of Charles H. Free, Paint Township has a citizen who has contributed to the development of Ross County a well cultivated farm that has been brought to its present state under his own hands, and which is now yielding him an income that makes him one of the substantial men of the community. The township has likewise profited by his able discharge of the duties of several offices to which he has been elected by his fellow-citizens who have placed their confidence in his fidelity and integrity and who have had no reason to regret their action in so doing.

Mr. Free has passed his entire life in Paint Township, where he was born October 27, 1872, a son of Nathaniel and Charity (Parker) Free. His great-grandfather was a Hessian soldier who came to the United States during the Revolutionary war, to fight for the English, but who subsequently became convinced of the justice of the cause of the colonists and afterwards remained in this country. The grandfather of Charles H. Free was George Free, who came from Pennsylvania to Ross County among its earliest settlers, located on a farm, developed a well cultivated and productive property, and was known as a farmer in comfortable circumstances and a citizen who merited the respect and esteem of his fellow men. Nathaniel Free was born near Rapid Forge, at the mouth of Cleft Run, and was only two years old when his mother died, but was well reared and received a good education for his day and locality. He was brought up on Cleft Run, and after his marriage settled on a farm in the vicinity of his boyhood home. In 1866, with his wife and children, he moved to Paint Township and purchased the farm on which his son, William A. Free, now lives, and on which he passed the remainder of his life. Mr. Free was an energetic and industrious agriculturist, practical in his ideas and ready to try new methods. He started his career with practically nothing, and so well were his efforts directed and so ably his affairs conducted, that at the time of his death he was the owner of about 1,100 acres of good land. Quiet and unassuming in

manner, he did not seek public office, his ambitions being realized in the making of a home and the securing of a good education for his children. Mr. Free married Charity Parker, also of the Cleft Run community, and they became the parents of eleven children, of whom nine are living at this writing, as follows: Frank, who is a resident of the State of Mississippi; William A., who has a farm of 213 acres in Paint Township, on the Greenfield turnpike; John M., a resident of the State of Washington; Alice, the wife of Jess Mossberger, of Harpers Station, Ohio; Lizzie, the wife of George Crutcher, of Paxton Township; Ed; Carrie, who is now Mrs. Lydon Smith, of Paint Township; George, who died young; Charles H., of this review; Robert, who died at the age of three years; and Sam, of Paint Township.

In the district schools of his native township, Charles H. Free received his educational training, following which he supplemented this with a course at Valparaiso University. He was reared on Paint Creek, and when he was ready to enter upon an independent career he adopted farming for his life work, being fitted for this vocation by predilection, inheritance and training. Throughout his life he has done general farming and stockraising, and has succeeded well in whatever venture he has undertaken.

Mr. Free married Miss Bessie West, and they have had two children: Charles H., Jr., who attended the public schools and spent two years at Ada (Ohio) University; and Emma M. Mr. and Mrs. Free are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Free is fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Greenfield, and the Knights of Pythias at Bainbridge. Politically he is a democrat. He stands high in the public esteem and belief in his integrity and good judgment have been variously made manifest. He has been township treasurer, justice of the peace and member of the school board, and takes a lively and intelligent interest in politics. His home farm consists of 200 acres.

FRED H. SEELING is proprietor of the Longview Fruit Farm in Huntington Township. This farm, comprising 365 acres, is situated in the northwestern part of the township, and one of its conspicuous features is the Alum Cliffs, one of the highest points along the Cincinnati Pike.

Mr. Seeling is a native of Ross County, and in order to attain his present enviable position in business and industrial affairs, has exemplified a great deal of practical enterprise and energy. In fact, since an early age he has depended upon his own resources to put himself ahead in the game of life. He was born in Huntington Township December 23, 1864, a son of Charles and Theresa (Meister) Seeling. His father was born in a part of Holland that is now included in the German Empire. When fifteen years of age his widowed mother brought him and three older sons, Joseph, Fred and Gus, to the United States. The little family made the voyage on a sailing vessel and spent thirteen weeks on the ocean. They landed in Baltimore, and there Charles Seeling lived for a number of years. His first wife died there, and at

Baltimore he married Theresa Meister, who was a native of Bavaria, Germany, and had come to America with her two brothers and five sisters. This party also landed at Baltimore and all the family settled there and married.

About 1854 or 1855 Charles and Theresa Seeling move to Ross County, Ohio. They bought a farm in Huntington Township and thereafter lived in comfortable circumstances and were noted as among the progressive farming people of that section. Charles Seeling died in 1883 and his wife in 1907. Of their seven children, all grew up and six are still living: Anna, wife of A. Reub, of Huntington Township; William, who died in Huntington Township; Charles, of Huntington Township; Lewis, a farmer in Wabaunsee County, Kansas; Fred H.; Elizabeth, wife of Tony Fisher, an electrician at Denver, Colorado; and Sarah, wife of Joseph Sieber, of Columbus.

Fred H. Seeling grew up in his native township, attended the district schools there, but he was not reared to a life of all play and no work. When only about eight or nine years of age he began herding cattle on the commons or public highways and employed a good part of his time at that until he was fifteen. Thereafter he took part in the management of the home farm, and gradually began laying the foundation for his own individual prosperity.

On March 13, 1897, Mr. Seeling married Clara Long, a daughter of Allan and Catherine Long. The Long family is referred to on other pages of this publication. For two years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Seeling lived on the home farm, and he then bought the 365 acres which comprise his present estate. This was originally known as the Kilburn farm. He has made many improvements, including the planting of a fine apple orchard. For fourteen years he bred and raised Jersey cattle on his farm, but his attention as a stock raiser is now devoted to the Aberdeen Angus cattle and the Duroc hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Seeling are the parents of two daughters: Catherine and Elizabeth, both of whom are at school and they have received the best of advantages in the local schools. Mr. Seeling is a member of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and belong to both the local and the county Grange. He and his family attend St. Peter's Church at Chillicothe, and politically he is a democrat.

SAMUEL S. STEEL. For upwards of a century the Steel family has been honorably identified with Ross County, and the name is well entitled to the high respect it has always commanded in this community. Mr. Samuel S. Steel, who has rendered valuable service to the county in the office of county commissioner, has spent his active career as a farmer and is especially well known in Scioto Township.

The farm where he now resides was his birthplace. He was born August 27, 1859. He comes of a very old Scotch family. Tracing the ancestry back in direct line we come to Alexander Steel, who was born in Scotland in 1690. On June 16, 1710, at Biggar in Lanarkshire he married Isabelle Simpson. Their son John Steel was born April 4, 1717,

and married Elizabeth Milligan. They remained lifelong residents of Scotland.

In the next generation was James Steel, Sr., grandfather of Samuel S. Steel. James, Sr., was born February 23, 1769, and on January 18, 1805, married Jane Gladstone, a cousin of the father of Hon. William Ewart Gladstone. Both James and his wife were natives of the village of Biggar. In 1816 James Steel set out for America, accompanied by his family, and located near Winchester, Virginia. From there the family came to Ohio in 1819, traveling with wagons and teams, and their first place of settlement was near Slate Mills in Ross County. He followed farming the rest of his life in this county. While living in Virginia he had witnessed the institution of slavery at its worst, and was therefore not content to remain in a state which countenanced the keeping of slaves.

James Steel, Jr., father of Samuel S., was born at Biggar in Lanarkshire, Scotland, July 20, 1807. He came to America at the age of nine years and was twelve years of age when he came to Ohio. He grew up in Ross County, and in 1842 bought a farm on the north fork of Paint Creek. Thereafter he was successfully engaged in farming until declining years obliged him to give up active labor. He died in his ninety-first year, and his last days were made happy and comfortable by the care and devotion of his children. During his early life in Ohio he was an ardent abolitionist and his home became one of the stations on the underground railway through which many slaves went to freedom. He became identified with the republican party on its organization in 1856, and thereafter voted for and supported every presidential candidate until his death. In 1896, though feeble in health but strong in intellect, he was carried to the polls and there deposited his last presidential vote for William McKinley. He was also ardently devoted to the prohibition principles. In his last years his mind was much stronger than his body. He took a keen interest in public affairs to the last, and some members of the family would read from the daily papers to him, and he never lost his interest in outside events.

On October 3, 1837, James Steel married Jane Sommerville. Her father, John Sommerville, was born in Etrick, Scotland, emigrated to America in 1808, located on a farm near Bourneville in Ross County. Thus the Sommerville family is one of Ross County's families that have been identified with this section of Ohio for more than a century. John Sommerville married Elizabeth Smith, who was born near Greenfield in Highland County, Ohio. John Sommerville was squire of Twin Township for some years, and both his influence and his character made him much appreciated by his neighbors, who respected his learning and sound judgment, and many of them went to him for legal advice and help in the legal complications in which they became involved.

Mr. and Mrs. James Steel reared ten children, namely: John Sommerville, James Gladstone, William, Alexander, Elizabeth Jane, Mary Isabel, Emma Ann, Margaret, Samuel Smith and Alice Carey. Both parents were active members of the Presbyterian Church, in which faith they had been reared from childhood.

Samuel S. Steel grew up on his father's home in Ross County, attended the rural schools and the Chillicothe High School, and remained with his parents until the close of their lives, taking an active part in the management of the farm, and devoting himself in every way to the welfare of his aged father and mother. He finally succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead and there he has continued his productive labors to the present time.

In 1893 Mr. Steel married Miss Mayme Camp. She was born in Bement, Illinois, a daughter of William and Mary Ellen (Peters) Camp. Mr. and Mrs. Steel have four children named Dorothy, Russell, Harold and Mary Eleanor. In religious matters Mr. and Mrs. Steel are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe. Besides his success as a farmer Mr. Steel has never neglected the duty of a good citizen to his community. His first presidential vote was cast for James A. Garfield, and since then he has been as loyal as his father to republican principles. For twenty years he had his place on the township school board, and in 1914 was honored by the people of the county at large in election to the position of county commissioner.

WILLIAM MARTIN HICKLE has given many years of an industrious and honorable career to the business of farming in Concord Township, where he is one of the most esteemed residents. This is a family name that has been identified with Ross County since the very early years of the last century.

Mr. Hickle was born in Concord Township March 23, 1838. His ancestry goes back to George Hickle, who was born in Germany, and on coming to America settled in Virginia. After some years in Frederick County of that state he came to Ohio and located in Colerain Township of Ross County. He spent the rest of his days there.

Devault Hickle, a son of the pioneer emigrant, and father of William M. Hickle, was born at Winchester in Frederick County, Virginia, in 1796. He was twenty years of age when he came with his family to Ohio in 1816. As was the custom at that time in the absence of railroads or other means of transportation, the family made the trip entirely with wagons and teams. George Hickle secured land in Colerain Township, and while clearing and improving also followed his trade of shoemaker. There was no machinery for the making of boots and shoes at that time, and they were made entirely by honest cobbling, and the shoemakers often went from house to house in a pioneer community, making footwear for family use. From Colerain Township George Hickle moved to Deerfield Township in 1830, and there was actively engaged in farming until his death in 1856. His wife was Mary Weaver. She died at the age of seventy-six years, having reared six children named Jacob, Betsy, Christopher, DeVault, Martin and Catherine.

DeVault Hickle, father of William M., was born in Colerain Township of Ross County March 30, 1820. Reared on a farm, he made farming his active vocation, and in company with his brother Martin carried on farming operations for many years. DeVault Hickle died in 1892.

The mother of his children was Lucinda Goldsberry. She was born in Concord Township of Ross County, daughter of Jeremiah Goldsberry, a pioneer of that county. Mrs. DeVault Hickle died in 1893. She reared ten children, eight daughters and two sons. One of the sons, John W., who was born October 11, 1857, has been a farmer all his life and now owns and occupies a well improved place adjacent to Roxabell. He married Mrs. Minnie (Hen) Keller, daughter of William and Maria Hen, and widow of Joseph Keller. By her first marriage she has a daughter named Catherine.

William Martin Hickle received his educational training in the schools of Ross County. He remained at home to assist in the labors of the farm, and after the death of his parents he continued to farm with his uncle Martin until the latter's death. He and his Brother John then succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead, and has been actively and successfully engaged in diversified farming.

On March 20, 1902, Mr. Hickle married Ernie May Mossbarger. Mrs. Hickle was born in Jackson County, Ohio, April 16, 1878, a daughter of John Franklin Mossbarger, who was born in Madison Township of Jackson County, Ohio, December 6, 1849, a son of Samuel and Eleanor (Cherrington) Mossbarger. Samuel Mossbarger was a son of John and Mary Mossbarger, very early pioneers of Jackson County. John Mossbarger owned a farm in Madison Township and both he and his wife spent their last days there. Mrs. Hickle's grandfather, Samuel, moved from Jackson County to Ross County, leased land about two miles from Salem, and lived there until his death. His wife was a member of the well-known Cherrington family of Jackson County, and she also spent her last years in Ross County. John F. Mossbarger, father of Mrs. Hickle, was reared and married in Jackson County, lived on a farm in Madison Township there until 1879, then leased a farm in Deerfield Township of Ross County with his brother Virgil, but after five years they went back to Jackson County and bought his father's old place. He occupied that thirteen years, and then returning to Ross County rented land a few years, after which he bought a place in Concord Township, and selling that at the end of five years had another place in Buckskin Township for four years, and on disposing of that bought his present home in Concord Township. On March 23, 1871, John F. Mossbarger married Lucy Williams, who was born in Madison Township of Jackson County, a daughter of Joseph Williams, Jr., and granddaughter of Joseph Williams, Sr. The latter was born in Wales and came to America in 1816, living a short time in Pennsylvania and then moving to Jackson County, Ohio, where he spent the rest of his days. Joseph Williams, Jr., married Isabelle Phillips. Mrs. Hickle was one of seven children named Eddie, Ella, Joseph, Ernie, Stella, Myrtie and Everett.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hickle are four in number. Mary G., William, Herman and Rose. Mr. and Mrs. Hickle are active members of Estell Methodist Episcopal Church and fraternally he is affiliated with Frankfort Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

ROBERT W. NEWMAN. A number of the younger generation of agriculturists of Ross County are engaged in carrying on operations on the farms on which they were born, and upon which they have passed their entire lives. Here they are continuing the work started by their fathers and grandfathers and perpetuating the names and reputations of those who settled early in the various communities and who laid the foundations for the prosperity of today. In the class just mentioned is Robert W. Newman, who resides on his farm of 500 acres in Twin Township, Lyndon Rural Route No. 2, and who was born on this farm December 20, 1887, a son of Oscar W. and Nettie (Core) Newman.

Oscar W. Newman was born at Bainbridge, Paxton Township, Ross County, Ohio, October 11, 1851, and died April 17, 1914. He was a son of Harvard and America (Robertson) Newman, and was eleven years of age when taken to Fayette County, where the family lived for four years. They then returned to Ross County, settling in Twin Township, where the grandfather purchased the farm now owned by Robert W. Newman and the one adjoining it. Here Oscar W. Newman grew to manhood, and here he spent his entire life as a farmer. He was a man of substance and general worth in his community, where he held the respect of his fellows, with whom he associated himself in the forwarding of public-spirited movements. His political support was always given to the men and measures of the democratic party and fully believed that the policies of this organization were the best for his community, the state and the nation. Mr. Newman was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the work of which he took a prominent and leading part. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom six are now living, and Robert W. was the sixth in order of birth.

Robert W. Newman secured an ordinary educational training in the district school known as the Newman schoolhouse, following which he took a high school course in Twin Township. With the close of his studies, he began to give his entire attention to farming, and at the time of his father's death came into a handsome inheritance. To this he has since added through industry and good management, and he now has one of the best cultivated farms in the township. He has also done much enlarging, ditching, fencing, etc., thus adding to the value of the property and at the same time contributing to his material comfort and convenience. General farming has been his strongest forte, but he has also met with well-merited success in raising and feeding a good grade of cattle and hogs for the market.

Mr. Newman was married July 18, 1914, to Miss Sarah Margaret Shotts, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Corcoran) Shotts, and a graduate of the Twin Township High School. They are the parents of one son: Robert Edward, born May 7, 1915. Mr. Newman is a member of Frankfort Lodge No. 318, F. & A. M., in which he has numerous friends, as he has also in business and farming circles. He and Mrs. Newman belong to the Presbyterian Church at Bourneville, and in politics he is a democrat.

JOHN F. PERRY. The business relations by which Mr. Perry has become most widely known in Ross County have been conducted as a building contractor. He has a long and varied experience in business affairs and has been an independent worker in the world since he was a small boy. Consequently his success is all the more praiseworthy.

Born October 26, 1855, at Greenfield in Highland County, Ohio, he is the only one of the three children still surviving of James Perry, who was also a native of Highland County. The Perry family ancestry goes back to England and members came at an early date to American shores.

After a brief education in the public schools of Greenfield, John F. Perry at the early age of eleven years started to work and earn his living. For six months he was a boy helper in a dry goods store, and all the compensation he received was a suit of clothes and board. After that he clerked in another dry goods store at Greenfield for ten years, and he showed such industry and ability that his wages were gradually increased until at the age of twenty-one he was getting a salary of \$100 a month, which considering not only his age but also the time and other conditions was a splendid testimonial to his usefulness. In the meantime his father had moved out to Sedalia, Missouri, and was living in that city at the time of his death. John F. Perry spent two years at Sedalia and after his father's death settled up the estate.

On returning to Ohio he located at Hopetown in Ross County, where he subsequently married Miss Emma H. Gartner. To their union have been born six children: Nellie M.; Georgie; Glenn; Walter; Lottie and Harold.

After his marriage Mr. Perry spent five years on a farm. He then embarked in the contracting business in Chillicothe, and continued it successfully for a period of twenty-eight years. He was also in the hay and livery business three years and the transfer business fifteen years. For seven years he was proprietor of what was known as the Lewis Coal Company. In 1913 Mr. Perry turned all his energy once more to the contracting business, especially in the construction of streets and roads, and he now has a very efficient organization and all the facilities and equipment for the construction of concrete pavement and other forms of modern highway. In this line he has constructed many miles of improved roads in different townships of Ross County and has constructed many of the permanent streets in the city of Chillicothe.

Mr. Perry is a Democrat and spent six years as a member of the Chillicothe City Council. In the Masonic fraternity he is affiliated with the York Rite and is a Knights Templar and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

FRANK A. HANAWALT, who is now enjoying the comforts of his fine farm in Concord Township, has had a long and active career, chiefly spent as a contractor and builder of roads and bridges. Mr. Hanawalt is widely known over this section of Ohio and his career is one that will be read with interest by his many friends in Ross County.

He was born in Concord Township October 15, 1857. His father,

Christopher Hanawalt, was born in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1821. The grandfather, George Hanawalt, was also born in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, and he as well as two brothers, Henry and John, came to Ross County in the early days. John settled in Bourneville, and Henry in Concord Township. George Hanawalt arrived in Ohio in 1823. He was accompanied by his family, and after some years in Union Township he moved to Concord, where he followed farming until his death. George Hanawalt married Margaret Parchel, and their four children were Caleb, Christopher, Elizabeth and Sarah.

Christopher Hanawalt was the father of Frank A. As a young man in Ross County he served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade in Frankfort. After completing his apprenticeship he opened a shop there, and was steadily in business, meeting the demands of his patrons for shop work for almost half a century. After giving up active business he continued to live in Frankfort until his death in 1910. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Speaks, a daughter of Frank and Mary (Goldsberry) Speaks, natives of Virginia and early settlers of Ross County, also died in the year 1910 at the age of eighty years. Christopher Hanawalt and wife reared ten children: Joseph; Mary, who married William Beard; George; Benton L.; Ollie K., who married Noah Coyner; Samuel; Frank; Elizabeth; Pearl; and Raymond.

Frank A. Hanawalt gained his early education in the rural schools of Ross County. He has been a hard worker all his life and as early as fourteen years of age went out to work on the farm of Rheasa McNeill. He continued employment at monthly wages until he had saved enough money to buy a team, and he then started out as a renter. After farming for some years, he used his equipment during the construction of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railway, and that experience introduced him into the broad field of contracting for the building of roads and bridges. He has continued that business ever since and has constructed many miles of improved highways both in Ross and other counties of Ohio. Since 1909 he has lived on his beautiful farm in Concord Township, and operates that both as a home and for profit.

Mr. Hanawalt has been twice married. At the age of twenty he married Nina A. Ware, who was born in Frankfort, a daughter of Thomas Ware and a granddaughter of Thomas Ware, Sr. She died after sixteen years of married life. Mr. Hanawalt married, for his present wife, Renie B. Young, who was born in Fayette County, a daughter of Nelson and Martha (Bush) Young. Mr. and Mrs. Hanawalt have two sons, Fred C. and William Howard.

Ever since he became a voter, Mr. Hanawalt has steadfastly supported the republican party. He has served as a member of the Concord Township Republican Committee and as a delegate to various conventions. He is now serving his fifth consecutive term as a member of the township board of trustees. Fraternally, he is a member of Frankfort Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

MILTON P. JONES. To the community of Twin Township Milton P. Jones is known not only as a practical and successful farmer, but as a public-spirited citizen and a man whose service on more than one occasion and in various capacities has been useful to the public. First and foremost he is a farmer, and has the supervision of a very large estate consisting of 800 acres in Twin Township, located seven miles from Bainbridge and fourteen miles from Chillicothe. He is served by Rural Route No. 1 out of Bourneville.

In Ross County since pioneer days the Jones family has distinguished itself by constructive labors and the accumulation of a large amount of land and also by striking qualities of personal character and citizenship.

The farm where Milton P. Jones was born, February 4, 1872, is part of the old Jones estate in Twin Township, and is now occupied by David Jones. His parents were William A. and James (Storms) Jones. William A. Jones was born in Louisa County, Virginia, and when a small boy, accompanied his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, to Ohio. David Jones died a short time after his arrival in this state. The family first located near Waverly in Pike County. William A. Jones possessed in a striking degree the qualities which enable a man to get along in the world. Through the early death of his family he was thrown upon his own resources, and was about sixteen or seventeen years of age when he came to Ross County. He worked out by the month, being employed for considerable time by Enos Prater. He was thrifty as well as industrious, and in a few years was safely on the road to success. At the age of twenty-five he married Jane Storms. Her father, John Storms, was one of the pioneer settlers in Hetherby's Bottoms, and later established a home at what has been known for many years as a landmark in Ross County, Storms' Station. In that community he spent the rest of his days and was one of the leading characters in that section of the county.

After his marriage, William A. Jones bought 200 acres of land, where his son, Milton, now resides. During his residence there, three children were born, and he then bought the farm where his son David lives, and that was his home until his death, about 1900. Mrs. William A. Jones is still living, and makes her home with her son, David, in Twin Township. In spite of his unpromising start, William A. Jones made a fortune and was long rated as one of the largest landholders in Ross County. At one time his possessions aggregated over 2,500 acres. He and his wife became the parents of eight children, of whom seven grew to maturity, and the four now living are: William F., a retired farmer of Francisville, Illinois; David G.; Anna, wife of William A. Wallace; and Milton P.

Milton P. Jones grew up in a home of substantial comforts and was given the equivalent of a liberal education. He attended the public schools and the high school at Bourneville, spent one year in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, and another year in the Ohio Northern University, at Ada.

On December 10, 1896, he married Miss Emma Corcoran, a daughter of Dennis and Sarah Corcoran, of Irish descent. Mrs. Jones was born in Twin Township, and has spent practically all her life there.

After his marriage, Mr. Jones lived in the old house on his father's farm for three years, then spent a brief season in Norfolk, Virginia, and on returning to Ross County resumed farming on the same place but in another house for two years. He and his wife then returned to the home which they had first occupied after their marriage, but in 1906 put up the modern dwelling which they now call their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of two children: S. Albert, born October 8, 1897, took three years in the Bourneville High School and was graduated in 1915 from the Chillicothe High School, and is now a student in the Ohio State University. Milton C., born February 8, 1899, is in the third year of the course of the high school in Bourneville.

Mr. Jones is well known in fraternal circles, is a republican, he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church at Bourneville, and his affiliations with secret orders are with Bainbridge Lodge No. 196, Free and Accepted Masons; Chillicothe Chapter No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; Chillicothe Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masons; Chillicothe Commandery No. 8, Knights Templar; Scioto Commandery of the thirty-second degree Scottish Rite at Columbus. He is also affiliated with Bourneville Lodge No. 108 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with Chillicothe Lodge of the Elks.

DUDLEY F. BRIGGS has spent his active career managing one of the oldest estates in Ross County continuously in the possession of one family. The Briggs homestead out in Concord Township has for more than a century been the property of members of this one family. It is a splendid old home, sanctified to its occupants by many associations and traditions, and altogether the family is one that has contributed materially to the growth and development of Ross County from almost the very beginning of civilization in this part of Ohio.

Mr. Briggs, the present owner of the Briggs homestead, is a great-grandson of Joseph Briggs, who was a Virginian and came into the Northwest territory in 1798. He was accompanied by his brother Samuel. Joseph Briggs settled near the mouth of Herrod's Creek and not far from the home of Captain Herrod, who about five years later was murdered by the Indians. So far as known Joseph Briggs remained a resident of Concord Township from the time of his settlement until his death.

A son of this pioneer was Charles Briggs, who was born in Concord Township in 1806. He grew up on the pioneer farm and found ample employment in cultivating its acres, in the duties imposed upon him as a householder and neighbor, and was a highly respected resident of Ross County in the early years of the last century. He married Catherine Mallow. The grandmother of Dudley F. Briggs also represented one of the prominent early families of Ross County. She was born in Concord Township, a daughter of Major Adam Mallow, Jr., who was born in Pendleton County, Virginia, in 1778. Major Mallow was a son of Adam Mallow, Sr., who was born in Pendleton County, Virginia, in 1715. At the age of six years Adam and his mother were captured by the Indians

and taken to Louisiana. About six years later he was released, and then returned to his father's home in Virginia. He afterwards fought with the Virginia troops in the Revolutionary war, and in 1806 brought his family to Ohio locating in Concord Township of Ross County. Adam, Sr., and his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Bush, spent the rest of their days in Ross County, where he died in 1840 and his wife at the age of ninety-seven. Major Mallow on coming to Ross County was a married man and bought a tract of land in Concord Township and was there actively engaged in its clearing and improvement when the War of 1812 broke out. He entered the service of the United States and rose to the rank of major. After the war he continued farming until his death. He married Mary Dice, and they both died in August, 1834.

Allison Briggs, a son of Charles Briggs, was also born in Concord Township. He grew up as a farmer and subsequently moved to Wayne Township in Fayette County, where he lived for a few years. He then returned to Concord Township, and bought the interests of the other heirs in the old homestead. He became an extensive farmer, improved his place with a substantial residence, and lived there until his death in 1890. Allison Briggs married, for his first wife, Jane Snyder, who was born in Fayette County, Ohio, a daughter of William and Malinda Snyder. She died in 1860, leaving two sons, William and Dudley F. Allison Briggs married, for his second wife, Mary DeWitt of Fayette County.

Dudley F. Briggs was born while his parents resided in Wayne Township of Fayette County on March 31, 1860. His mother died soon afterwards, and he was reared chiefly in the home of his grandparents in Concord Township, of Ross County. His occupation from early youth has been farming, and many years ago he bought the old Briggs homestead, and is still engaged in its operation. Mr. Briggs besides farming has been an extensive dealer and shipper of livestock, and has a wide acquaintance in Ross and adjoining counties.

On October 26, 1881, he married Eva Rowe, daughter of Abraham Rowe. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs have reared four children: Donnie, Emma, Jesse and Farrell. Donnie is the wife of Lee Putnam, and their five children are Hazel Virginia, Madeline, Bernice, Mary Evelyn and Wallace Alfred. The daughter Emma married Ira Metzgar, and their two children are Eva Catherine and Dennie Virginia. The sons, Jesse and Farrell, both graduated from the Frankfort High School and are now students of the Ohio Wesleyan University, of Delaware, Jesse taking the literary and Farrell the scientific course.

NATHANIEL WILSON was born in Aberdeenshire, in the Highlands of Scotland, in 1815. He was carefully educated in his youth, his parents wishing him to enter the ministry of the Scotch Presbyterian Church. After his graduation from Marshall College in Aberdeen, he came to America with the purpose of visiting his uncle, William Ross, one of the early dry goods merchants of Chillicothe, and further broadening his education.

A long and stormy trip on the ocean and a like trip on Lake Erie, on his way to Chillicothe, had made travel on water so repugnant to him, that he decided to remain in this country. He accordingly entered the mercantile establishment of his uncle.

After acquiring a knowledge of the business, he, in company with two other clerks in the store, Charles J. Miller and Thomas Woodrow, the patronymic uncle of our present President Woodrow Wilson, formed a partnership under the firm name of Wilson, Miller & Woodrow, and for several years thereafter conducted a successful business dealing in dry goods. This partnership was dissolved, Thomas Woodrow continuing the business and Nathaniel Wilson entering the boot and shoe business alone. He remained in this business until 1862, when he retired from active pursuits, devoting his time to his private interests until his death, in 1892.

Nathaniel Wilson was a student during his entire life, devoting much of his time to Latin and mathematics. He was one of a coterie of men in Ohio who were in the habit of passing difficult and abstruse problems among their number for solution.

He was the inventor and patentee of a mathematical instrument, being intended for surveyors' use, a combination in the one instrument of the protractor, parallel ruler and scale.

For many years he served as a member of the Chillicothe Board of Education, before the board became a political body, and was likewise president and director of the old Chillicothe Bank.

In 1849 he married Margaret King, of Philadelphia, Pa., a daughter of Thomas King, and to them five children were born, as follows: William Ross, deceased; Belle W. Ide, living in Columbus, Ohio; Thomas King, of Chillicothe; Annie S. Barrere, living in Hamilton, Montana; and Alexander Ross, deceased.

Thomas King Wilson, the only surviving male member of the family, is also the only member of the family now residing in Chillicothe. Graduating from the high school, he attended the college preparatory school at Marietta, Ohio, and was afterwards graduated from Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio. He engaged in the tanning business with George Elsass, but afterwards associated himself with Martin Hamen in the manufacture of fertilizers, developing the business now carried on at Washington Court House, Ohio, under the corporate name of The M. Hamen Company.

He served as a member of the Chillicothe Board of Education. He is the inventor and patentee of a spike and nail puller, also of an automatic closing railway switch.

In 1887, Mr. Wilson married Elizabeth Renick Smith, who was born in Chillicothe, a daughter of Amos and Henrietta Renick Smith. She died in early womanhood, in 1889.

MILEY E. DRUMMOND is a life-long resident of Ross County, well known over the county at large and in the City of Chillicothe, where he resides, and is now one of the active rural mail carriers of the county.

Mr. Drummond is a quiet unassuming man, believes in doing all things well, and is a highly respected and honored citizen.

He was born on a farm near Londonderry in Ross County November 16, 1856. His father, William Drummond, was born in Ross County, and his grandfather, Benjamin Drummond, was born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was one of the early settlers in Ross County. William Drummond married Ruth Cox, a native of Ross County, and also of a pioneer family.

Mr. Miley Drummond was reared and educated in Liberty Township of this county. He attended the public schools as a boy, and with the conclusion of his schooling he remained on the old homestead and employed some of the best years of his life in general farming pursuits. In 1901 he entered the service of the United States Postal Department, and was one of the first rural mail carriers in Ohio. He has been steadily at the work now for upwards of seventeen years, and has since removed to Chillicothe. He has never married, and makes his home with a widowed sister in Chillicothe. He is an active member of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Rural Mail Carriers Association, and he spends his best energies in rendering an adequate service to his patrons along the rural mail route.

Mr. Drummond was the youngest in a family of seven children. Benjamin is now deceased. Wesley Drummond is referred to on other pages of this work. William is also deceased. Martha is the wife of S. Graves, of Beatrice, Nebraska. Mary A. is the widow of Joseph Randall, and now resides in Chillicothe with her brother, Miley. David J. is a resident of Independence, Missouri. Mrs. Mary A. Randall is the mother of six children, Alma Archer, James E., Minnie Headley, Martha Dillie, and Ernest and Mary, who are now deceased. Mrs. Mary A. Randall is a member of the Friends Church, at Londonderry, Ohio. Mr. Joseph Randall died in 1889.

HARRISON SHASTEEN is one of the oldest living sons of Union Township, where he was born three quarters of a century ago, and after a long and active and honorable business career is now enjoying peaceful retirement at his home in his native township.

Born March 10, 1841, he is a son of James S. R. Shasteen, a native of Virginia, and a grandson of Robert Shasteen, a native of the same commonwealth. Robert Shasteen brought his family to Ohio in 1814, when his son James was seven years of age. They settled in Ross County, and thus established a family that has had a continuous relationship with this country for more than a century. James Shasteen grew up in the county, and after reaching manhood engaged in farming. He was a resident of Union Township until his death, at the age of sixty years, while his wife passed away at the age of fifty-nine. They were the parents of two sons. One of these, Marion, was a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil war, was captured by the Confederates and died while a prisoner in Andersonville.

Reared on the home farm, Harrison Shasteen left home at an early age and gained his success by relying on his own enterprise. After the

war he went to Pennsylvania, spending three years in the oil fields there, but with that exception has been a resident of Ross County for almost half a century continuously. For twenty years he was grain buyer for the Mansfield Mills.

Mr. Shasteen was three times married. His first wife was Nancy Minear, daughter of Solomon and Charity (Noble) Minear. Mrs. Shasteen died at the age of twenty-three, leaving one son, Walter. His second wife was Mary J. Rowe, a daughter of Thomas Rowe. When she passed away at the age of twenty-eight she left two children, Marion and Harry. The present Mrs. Shasteen before her marriage was Augusta Sauerbrei, a daughter of William and Lena Sauerbrei. Mr. and Mrs. Shasteen have four children: Lena, James W., John Logan and Viola. The family are members of the German Evangelical church and Mr. Shasteen is a republican.

JAMES S. HANAWALT. A prominent and highly esteemed citizen of Chillicothe, James S. Hanawalt has been active and influential in public matters, and is identified with the mercantile interests of the city as a druggist. He was born, January 29, 1843, in the village of Bourneville, Twin Township, Ross County, a son of John Hanawalt. He is of German descent, his Grandfather Hanawalt, having emigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania, settling in Mifflin County on a farm near the locality since known as Hanawalt's Cave.

One of a family of five sons, John Hanawalt was born, October 28, 1799, in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, where he grew to man's estate. In 1824 he came to Ohio, and soon after his arrival was engaged to carry the mail from Steubenville to Gallipolis, and to the post offices established along the route. He had previously learned the tailor's trade, and on retiring from the mail service opened a tailor's shop at Bourneville, where he continued in business until 1855, when he was forced to give up, on account of failing eyesight. He subsequently lived retired in Bourneville until his death in 1873. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Jefferson Hill, was born in Union Township, Ross County, February 22, 1812. Her father, Christian Hill, a native of Ellicotts Mills, Maryland, came to Ohio with his family, and after living a few years in Union Township, purchased land in Fayette County, and there spent his remaining days, at his death his body being laid to rest in the Dry Run Cemetery, in Union Township. His wife died about 1816, when her daughter, Mary Jefferson, was about four years old, leaving six children. The wife of John Hanawalt survived him four years, passing away in 1877. She reared six children, as follows: Amelia, John Christopher, George P., James S., and Florance.

James S. Hanawalt was educated in the public schools of Bourneville. In 1862 he entered the United States service, becoming a nurse at the Douglas Hospital, in Washington, District of Columbia, where his brother George was assistant surgeon, remaining there until 1864. Returning home, Mr. Hanawalt was later engaged in the grocery business with William A. Jones, continuing junior member of the firm of

Jones & Hanawalt until 1884. He was subsequently employed by Capt. Rufus Hosler, county treasurer, as delinquent collector, and continued with Mr. Hosler's successors, Nelson Purdum, F. A. Sosman, and Luther B. Hurst, and Milton J. Scott. In 1906 Mr. Hanawalt embarked in the drug business at the corner of High and Mill streets, being in partnership with his son Max, and has since built up a large trade.

Mr. Hanawalt married, May 1, 1877, Anna C. Maxwell, who was born in Green Township, a daughter of Alexander and Leah (Ranck) Maxwell, her father's family being from Virginia, and the Ranck family from Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Hanawalt have two children, namely: John Maxwell and William F. John M., in partnership with his father, married Edna Scriver. William F., residing in Denver, Colorado, married Irene Snyder, and they have three children, James Maxwell, Shirley, and William F. Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Hanawalt belong to the First Presbyterian Church.

JUDGE GEORGE B. BITZER. Possessing a profound knowledge of law, and being blessed with a keenness of comprehension that allows nothing connected with his profession to escape his observation, Judge George B. Bitzer, of Chillicothe, has achieved distinction in legal circles, being known as one of the most experienced and successful attorneys of Ross County. A native of Ross County, he was born, April 15, 1852, in Adelphi, a son of Anthony Bitzer.

His Grandfather Conrad Bitzer, was born in Pennsylvania, in Bucks County, coming from stock known as Pennsylvania Dutch. Following the tide of emigration westward, he settled in Ross County, Ohio, in the very early part of the nineteenth century. Buying a tract of timbered land in Green Township, near its eastern boundary, he hewed a farm from the forest, and there lived and labored until his death, at the age of ninety-two years, being hale and hearty until the last. He and his good wife reared seven children, all of whom, with the exception of Anthony, settled in a newer country, much farther west than Ohio.

Born on the home farm, in Green Township, in 1809, Anthony Bitzer was brought up in true pioneer style. In his boyhood days the wild beasts of the forest had not fled before the advancing steps of civilization, but, with the dusky savage, roamed the forests. There being neither railroads nor canals, and no near-by markets, the people subsisted principally upon game, and the products of the soil. The women of the different households, all skilled in domestic arts, used to card, spin and weave the homespun material in which they dressed their families. During his earlier life, Anthony Bitzer bought a farm in Colerain Township, but instead of occupying it established a hotel in Adelphi. That was in stage-coach days, when circuses traveled the highways, and the Van Amburg and Robinson train put up at his inn. He continued as a hotel keeper, being popular with the traveling public, until about 1870, from that time until his death, at the age of seventy-six years, living retired from business cares.

The maiden name of the wife of Anthony Bitzer was Catherine Strawser. She was born in Adelphi, and there spent the greater part of her long life of eighty-six years. Her father Henry Strawser, came from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, to Colerain Township in 1803, and having bought a tract of land a mile south of Adelphi built a log cabin, and began the improvement of a homestead. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. An expert marksman, he was fond of hunting, and kept the family well supplied with game of all kinds. He lived to be eighty-two years old, while his wife, whose maiden name was Druzilla Hinton, died when but seventy-four years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bitzer reared six children, as follows: Susan, who married Edward Reedy; Henry; George B.; Alfred; Edward; and Margaret, who became the wife of George Coombs.

Having when quite young completed the course of study in the district school, George B. Bitzer attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, and at the age of fifteen years commenced teaching in a log schoolhouse, in Vinton County. He had sixty-five pupils, ranging in age from five years to twenty-five years, and was paid a salary of \$33 a month. He alternately taught school and attended school until 1877, in the meantime devoting all of his spare time to hard study. In 1878 Mr. Bitzer was admitted to the bar, and has since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession at Chillicothe, excepting, of course, the time when his official duties demanded his entire attention. He was elected prosecuting attorney for Ross County in 1878, and served one term. In 1887 he was elected probate judge, and re-elected to the same office in 1890. Politically Judge Bitzer has been identified with the republican party since casting his first presidential vote, in 1876, for Rutherford B. Hayes, and has rendered efficient service as a member of the Chillicothe City Council.

Judge Bitzer married, December 15, 1880, Louisa J. Grimes, who was born near New Holland, Pickaway County, a daughter of George and Rachel (Bowdle) Grimes. The judge and Mrs. Bitzer have four children, namely: Altha Maria, Edwin S., Florence C., and Clarkson B. The judge is a member of Tecumseh Lodge No. 8, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church on Walnut Street.

CHARLES CHRISTIAN RINDT. Eminently deserving of mention in this volume is Charles Christian Rindt, a veteran of the Civil war, now living in Chillicothe, where he is actively identified with the mercantile interests of the city. He was born, June 14, 1830, in the Village of Dielekopf, near Keisel, in Bavaria, Germany, where the birth of his father, Christian Rindt, occurred in 1802.

Born, reared, and married in his native village, Christian Rindt came with his wife and their only child to America in 1834, being several weeks in making the voyage. Landing in New York, he started for Ohio, going via the Hudson River and Erie Canal to Buffalo, thence by way of Lake Erie to Cleveland, and from that place to Chillicothe, on the canal,

all traveling in those primitive days, ere there were any railroads in the state, having been on the rivers, lakes and canals wherever possible. He was subsequently employed at various kinds of work, in the meantime looking earnestly for a desirable location. He soon purchased, near Piketon, a tract of land, on which a log cabin had been erected on a small clearing. He began the improvement of a homestead, and having built a commodious house of hewed logs he embarked in farming and stock-raising. Selling at an advance eight years later, he opened a grocery store in Chillicothe, on Main Street, between Walnut and Paint streets. Subsequently trading that property, which included the store and dwelling house, for a farm located three miles south of Chillicothe, he there engaged in agricultural pursuits for about twelve years. Selling out then, he resumed business in Chillicothe, his grocery being located at the corner of Fifth and Hickory streets, but soon made another change, trading his store and stock for a farm located on the old Portsmouth Road, six miles south of the city limits, and there he continued to reside until his death, in 1874, at the age of seventy-two years. He married Charlotte Bonnet, who was born in Germany, of French Huguenot ancestry, and died in Ohio, in 1863. Three children were born of their union, as follows: Charles Christian, born in Germany; and Charlotte and Henrietta, born in Ross County.

Four years old when he came from the fatherland with his parents, Charles Christian Rindt attended the Chillicothe schools until twelve years old, when he found employment in a clothing store, where he made himself generally useful for two years, giving up the position only when the store was closed, owing to financial reverses. He was subsequently employed as a clerk for several years, first working for Ed Adams, and later for Thomas Woodrow, with whom he remained until 1862. Resigning the position in that year, Mr. Rindt enlisted in Company B, Sixty-Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Going south with his command, he served under General Sherman in the Atlanta campaign, taking part in the various engagements along the route, and after the siege and capture of Atlanta continued with his brave leader to Savannah, thence through the Carolinas, and on to Washington, where he was in the line of march during the Grand Review. Receiving his honorable discharge in June, 1865, Mr. Rindt returned to Chillicothe, and having purchased the property at the corner of Paint and Seventh streets has there been actively and prosperously engaged in business since.

On July 15, 1858, Mr. Rindt was united in marriage with Sophia Fischer, who was born in Kallstadt, Bavaria, April 26, 1836, a daughter of Ludwig and Sophia Fischer. Her parents came with their family to America in 1840, being fifty-three days crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel. Settling near Pittsburgh, they spent the remainder of their days in that vicinity. After the death of her parents, Sophia Fischer went to Cincinnati, in 1856, and there lived with an uncle until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Rindt have four children, namely: Henrietta, Charles L., Elizabeth H., and William Henry. They are both members of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM MILLER. For half a century a resident of Chillicothe, William Miller has always been regarded as a man of integrity and honor, and is held in high respect throughout the community in which he lives, and in whose advancement and prosperity he is ever ready to lend a helping hand. A German by birth and breeding, he was born, September 18, 1840, in the Village of Schladehausen, Hanover, where his parents, John Henry and Elizabeth (Ziegemeier) Miller, spent their entire lives, being there engaged in agricultural pursuits. They reared a family of six children, Catherine, William, Elizabeth, Hannah, Mary, and Henry. William, the special subject of this sketch, and his sister Mary, who married William Schwan, were the only members of the family to leave the fatherland.

Obtaining his early education in his native village, William Miller subsequently served for three years as an apprentice at the miller's trade, which he afterwards followed in Hanover until 1865. In that year, impressed by the superior advantages America offered a young man just starting in life, he immigrated to this country, and for a few months worked in a flour mill at Cincinnati. Coming from that city to Chillicothe in December, 1865, Mr. Miller, in company with John Smith, purchased a small mill, operated by steam power, and located on South Paint Street, and continued business with his partner until the death of Mr. Smith in 1878. Buying then the interest of the Smith heirs in the property, he became sole owner of the mill, which he managed successfully until meeting with reverses, in 1903. Mr. Miller was subsequently out of business for awhile, but in 1904 embarked in the insurance business, with which he has since been actively and prosperously identified.

Mr. Miller married, in 1866, Eliza Eggers, a native of Rothenfelde, Hanover, Germany, and to them five children have been born, namely: Charles H.; Attila; Anna; Alvin, who died at the age of forty years; and Charlotte. Although not an aspirant for official honors, Mr. Miller was appointed, in 1906, justice of the peace to fill out an unexpired term, and in 1907 was elected to that position, which he has filled continuously since, having been re-elected in 1911. Religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Miller are conscientious members of the Salem German Evangelical Church.

GEORGE J. HEINZELMAN, JR. A well-known and highly esteemed resident of Chillicothe, George J. Heinzelman, Jr., is one of the more active and prominent insurance men of Ross County, at the present time being special agent for the Columbus Mutual Life Insurance Company. He was born November 15, 1873, in Chillicothe, a son of George J. Heinzelman, Sr., being the third in direct line of descent to bear his name.

His grandfather, named George J. Heinzelman, was born, bred and educated in Alsace, Germany, and as a young man immigrated to America, the land of hope and promise. Taking up his residence in Chillicothe, he was employed for awhile in the Frazier Packing House,

but later purchased land, and embarked in truck farming, becoming the pioneer raiser of onion sets, which proved a profitable industry. Successful in his undertakings, he resided in this city until his death, at the age of seventy-five years. He married Margaret Teusch, who was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and came to this country with a party of young ladies when but fifteen years old. She died at the age of sixty-eight years, just two hours before the death of her husband, and both were buried in the same grave. They reared five children, George J., John, Mary, Margaret, and Magdaline.

George J. Heinzelman, Sr., was born September 12, 1848, in Chillicothe, and after completing his early education in the city schools became associated with his father in truck gardening. He now has twenty-eight acres of rich and fertile land adjoining Chillicothe, all under a high state of culture, and is carrying on a remunerative business. The maiden name of his wife was Eva Metzel. She is a native of Chillicothe, where her parents, Jacob and Christina Metzel, located on coming from Hesse Darmstadt, their birthplace, to the United States some time in the '40s. Mr. Metzel died at the age of fifty-five years, and his wife at the age of seventy-seven years. They reared four children, as follows: Eva, now Mrs. Heinzelman; Jacob; John; and Elizabeth. George J. Heinzelman, Sr., and his wife had but two children, Jacob and George J.

George J. Heinzelman, Jr., was educated in the Chillicothe public schools, and subsequently worked with his father in truck gardening until twenty-eight years of age. The following six years he was employed in a foundry in Cincinnati, and for two years thereafter worked in a paper mill at Chillicothe. Embarking then in the life insurance business, Mr. Heinzelman became agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and proved himself so thoroughly capable in that capacity that he was made assistant manager within a few months, and later was promoted to the position of deputy manager. Mr. Heinzelman continued as such until 1914, when he resigned to make the race for the office of county clerk. In 1915 he accepted his present position with the Columbus Mutual, becoming special agent for the State of Ohio.

Mr. Heinzelman married, April 23, 1902, Loretta M. Zeller, who was born in Columbus, Ohio, a daughter of Fred and Matilda (Le Bean) Zeller. Mr. and Mrs. Heinzelman have three sons, Harold Logan, George John, and Frederick J. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Heinzelman are active members of the First Presbyterian Church, in which he is a ruling elder. Fraternally Mr. Heinzelman is a member of Scioto Lodge No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons.

ORLEY W. MILLER. Among the old family farms that have descended from father and son in Ross County, Ohio, the valuable one belonging to Orley W. Miller may be noted, for over 100 years have passed since his grandfather, John Miller, bought the 130 acres that John Mooney had entered in 1812. John Miller erected the first cabin in Jefferson Township and in it reared a family of nine children, all of these having

passed away with the exception of one son, William, who is a resident of Jackson County, Ohio. John Miller cleared the greater part of this land and subsequently owned three other farms in the county.

Orley W. Miller was born on the farm he owns, in Jefferson Township, Ross County, Ohio, March 7, 1876. His parents were Sherman and Drucilla (Wills) Miller. His father was born on this farm July 16, 1843, a son of John and Mary (Nichols) Miller, and his mother in Jackson County, January 4, 1848. Sherman Miller followed an agricultural life and was considered an excellent farmer. The old farm became his property by purchase in 1876, and here he resided until his death, March 30, 1915. He was a church member, a worthy man and a good citizen. His children are: Corwin L., who is a railroad man, is train dispatcher at one of the terminals in Chillicothe; Myrton, who is a carpenter in the shops of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Chillicothe; Orley W.; and Daisy, who is the wife of J. T. Snyder, of Jefferson Township.

Orley W. Miller attended the public schools in Jefferson Township, the Richmond Dale schools and the Chillicothe High School, after which he taught school for ten years. Mr. Miller carries on general farming, living perhaps a quieter but not less busy life than his brothers. He is a highly respected citizen of Ross County.

Mr. Miller was married to Miss Ethel Dixon, who died October 27, 1912, the mother of three children: Donald, Mary and Lucile. Mr. Miller was married August 7, 1915, to Miss Ruth Nagle, of Portsmouth, Ohio. In politics he is a democrat.

CHARLES MARTIN HAYNES. A practical and prosperous business man of Chillicothe, as a jeweler being associated with its manufacturing and mercantile interests, Charles Martin Haynes is in truth of pioneer stock, belonging to a family that has been well known in Ross County for upwards of 100 years. He was born June 19, 1866, in Concord Township, while his father, Col. James Henry Haynes, was born in Ross County, January 28, 1836, and his grandfather, Martin Haynes, was likewise a native of this county, his birth having occurred in 1809, in Scioto Township.

John Haynes, son of Nicholas and Sophia (Sheetz) Haynes, the paternal great-grandfather of Charles Martin Haynes, was born October 14, 1769, in the State of Pennsylvania, York County, Dover Township, near the Blue Mountains, and during his earlier life resided for many years in Charleston, Virginia. Soon after the first settlements of Ohio were made, he crossed the intervening country six times, coming and going on three trips, making the first two prospecting trips on foot, and the third one on horseback. In 1808, accompanied by his family, he came to Ross County with teams, bringing all of his worldly effects with him. He located in the Paint Creek Valley, near Haynes Creek Ford, which was named in his honor. He purchased from the Government a tract of heavily timbered land, and on the clearing which he made erected a log cabin, in the construction of which not a nail was

used. He rived by hand the clapboards which covered the roof, weighting them in place with poles. He was a man of undaunted energy and enterprise, and at one time owned three mills in Ross County, one being located on the Narrows, one on Paint Creek, and the other in Scioto Township. He lived to a venerable age, passing away March 28, 1859. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Sheetz, born August 23, 1775, at Shephards Town on the Potomac, Virginia, died September 5, 1836. Seven sons and five daughters were born of this union: Elizabeth, 1791; Julian, 1793; Jacob, 1795; Henry, 1798; Mary, 1800; one died at birth, 1803, not named; John, 1804; Sarah, 1807; Martin and Margaret, twins, 1809; Daniel, 1812; Benjamin, 1815.

Martin Haynes was reared and educated in pioneer days, beginning and ending his school life in a log house, primitively furnished. The rude slab benches, with wooden pins for legs, had no desks, but a plank placed along the wall served as a place for the scholars to write, the quill pens used being made by the teacher, while the ink was made at home by boiling the inner bark of young maple trees in water impregnated with sulphate of iron. The floor was of puncheon, and the chimney was made of earth and sticks. Fond of the chase, Martin Haynes was very skilful as a deer hunter, and his gun, now in the possession of the subject of this sketch, is said to have killed more deer than any other gun in Ohio.

After attaining his majority, Martin Haynes purchased land in Concord Township, on the north fork of Paint Creek, and there operated a saw mill, and a grist mill which was equipped with bolts for making flour. People from many miles around used to go there with their grist. He built up a fine business, and was there a resident until his death. He married Caroline Hoover, a daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth Kellenberger Hoover, and they became the parents of six children, as follows: Louisa, 1834; James Henry, 1836; Elizabeth, 1839; Sarah, 1840; William Martin, 1846; Eliza, 1854.

Col. James Henry Haynes acquired the rudiments of his education in the district schools, and later attended the Ohio State University. Enlisting for service during the Civil war, he was commissioned by Governor Dennison, August 1, 1861, as second lieutenant of Company A, Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Going with his command to the front, he participated in many important engagements, including among others those at Bowling Green, Kentucky; Huntsville, Alabama; Bridgeport, Alabama; Manchester, Stewart Creek, Tullahoma, and Dug Gap, in Tennessee; and at Chickamauga, Georgia. In November, 1862, he resigned on account of ill health, and returned home to recuperate. On September 26, 1863, he was commissioned lieutenant-colonel of the Twenty-seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Militia, by Governor Tod, but was never called into active service. After leaving the army he resumed charge of the mill in Concord Township, and operated it until 1877, when he went to South Bloomfield, Ohio, where he was engaged in milling two years. The following year he was similarly employed at Circleville, from there going to Austin, where he had charge of the Thompson Mill two years. He then settled in Chillicothe and continued

a resident until about 1895. After that time he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Abram F. Stults, who lived near DeLand, Illinois, moving with them to Iowa then to Macon, Missouri, where he died January 12, 1908.

Colonel Haynes married Mary Catherine Pontius, who was born in Green Township, Ross County, a daughter of Andrew Pontius. Her grandfather, Frederick Pontius, was born in 1759, of German ancestry, in Pennsylvania, it is thought. About 1806, accompanied by his family, he came to Ross County, Ohio, locating in Green Township. He purchased, in section 11, a tract of land on which a small clearing and a log cabin constituted the only improvements. He placed a part of the land under cultivation, and was there employed in tilling the soil during the remainder of his life. He was twice married.

Born in Pennsylvania, January 15, 1803, Andrew Pontius, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Haynes, was brought up and educated in Green Township, and succeeded to the ownership of the parental homestead. Industrious and enterprising, he added to the improvements previously inaugurated, and soon after assuming possession of the place burned brick, and from which he erected a substantial house, and in addition erected a commodious frame barn. Late in life he removed to Kingston, but after staying there four years returned to his farm, where his death occurred, February 16, 1879. He married, June 25, 1825, Mary Ann Bitzer, who was born, December 31, 1808, in Fairfield County, Ohio, and died October 25, 1878. Of the twelve children born of their union, eleven grew to years of maturity, Reuben, John R., Frederick B., Peter, Andrew, William Allen, Barbara Ann, Mary Catharine, Eliza Jane, Sarah Melissa, and Ellen Belinda. Caroline Elizabeth, twin sister to Ellen, died at the age of two years. Colonel and Catharine (Pontius) Haynes were the parents of three children, namely: Anna Alma, wife of Abram F. Stults, of Austin, Minnesota; Charles Martin, the special subject of this sketch; and Ella Belinda, who died at the age of fourteen years.

Beginning life for himself at the age of eighteen years, Charles Martin Haynes entered the employ of Schlegel & Loel, jewelers, February 1, 1885, and after completing his apprenticeship remained with the firm until August 1, 1904, gaining skill and experience at his trade. Forming then a partnership with Frank Henn, he has since been actively engaged in the jewelry business on North Paint Street, being junior member of the firm of Henn & Haynes.

On August 24, 1893, Mr. Haynes married Carrie Alice Steele, a daughter of Dr. William Wesley, and Eliza (Minear) Steele, and granddaughter of Joseph Steele, a prominent farmer and a stock raiser of Pickaway County. Doctor Steele was for many years a well known druggist in Chillicothe. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes are members of the Walnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. Haynes is a member of Scioto Lodge No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Order of Masons; of Chillicothe Chapter No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; of Chillicothe Council No. 4, Royal and Select Masters; of Chillicothe Com-

mandery No. 8, Knights Templar; of Scioto Consistory, at Columbus; and of Aladdin Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Columbus. He also belongs to Chillicothe Lodge No. 52, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and to Chillicothe Camp No. 4111, Modern Woodmen of America.

DAVID CARRICK ANDERSON. A long life, and one spent in many useful and honorable activities, was that of the late David Carrick Anderson of Concord Township.

His birth occurred in Concord Township October 10, 1824, and he died at his old home March 23, 1908. His grandfather, William Anderson was a native of South Carolina, spent most of his life as a farmer, and came to Ohio in the very early days. After remaining in the state five years he returned to South Carolina, where he died in advanced years. Of his eight children, Samuel, the third, was born May 17, 1780, in South Carolina. He arrived in Ohio about 1803 and locating in Concord Township of Ross County he bought land, and his was one of the first cabins to arise among the trees in that section. In 1824 his log house was replaced by a substantial structure of hewed logs. He devoted his labors for many years to the improvement of his farm and died there August 30, 1830. On November 20, 1806, Samuel Anderson married Elizabeth Edmiston, of Paris, Kentucky. Her family had come to Ohio and settled in Ross County a year before Samuel Anderson did. She lived to be nearly ninety years of age, and for more than seventy years was an active member of the Concord Presbyterian Church, of which Samuel Anderson was a charter member and for a number of years an elder. Samuel Anderson also was distinguished by service in the War of 1812.

David Carrick Anderson and his twin sister were the last born in a family of seven children. He was six years of age when his father died and after that he remained with his mother on the farm, and as his strength permitted participated in its cultivation until he was twenty years of age. It was a primitive log schoolhouse in which he received his early education. That schoolhouse was two miles from home and he walked back and forth night and morning.

At the age of twenty he removed to Frankfort, became a clerk in a dry goods store, and after three years had advanced so far in capability and responsibility as to be able to purchase an interest in the firm and take the duties of partnership. He remained with the firm for three years, and then engaged in the dry goods business for himself. For more than thirty years David C. Anderson was one of the most successful merchants of Frankfort, and his business relations extended all over that part of Ross County.

In 1876, with several other citizens, he organized the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Frankfort. He was elected its first president, and two years afterward he sold his stock of dry goods and thereafter devoted his unremitting attention to the bank and his various other business affairs.

Though quite an old man at the time, he served as a loyal soldier of the Union during the Civil war. Enlisting May 2, 1864, he became regimental quartermaster of the One Hundred and Forty-Ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but most of the time acted as brigade quartermaster on General Kinley's staff. He was mustered out of service on September 1, 1864.

In February, 1851, Mr. Anderson married Sarah A. Tulleys, of Frankfort. To their union were born three children: Laura, who became the wife of John Rockwell Entekin; Clara, who married J. O. Pierce, a Presbyterian minister of Columbus; and Sadie, who died in infancy.

The late Mr. Anderson was a member of the C. W. McNeill Post No. 645, Grand Army of the Republic, and served as its chaplain. An active republican, he was a delegate to various district and state conventions, and always took a liberal share of public duties and responsibilities. His life was spent as a devout Christian and he assisted in organizing the Presbyterian Church in Frankfort, taught its Sunday school for fifty-five years and was superintendent of the Sunday school about twenty years.

Mr. Anderson was an extensive traveler, the means which his well ordered industry had enabled him to accumulate having put in his power the privilege of travel and observation. He visited most of the interesting places in his home country, several times crossed the ocean, and visited in Europe, Asia and Africa.

The last tour which he made was to the Worlds Fourth Sunday School Convention, which was held at Jerusalem in June, 1904, and it was while on this trip that he visited a great many important cities in Southern Europe, Northern Asia and Africa. On account of his advanced age, he being seventy-nine years old and the oldest one of the party, he was accompanied by his grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Entekin, of Columbus, Ohio. This trip was the climax of his life, as he had always had a desire to visit the Holy Land and Jerusalem, and after he had made this trip he felt that his life's work was finished. But it was with the thought that he had fulfilled his Master's mission, while on this and other trips that he has had, a large collection of rare articles were made and which are now preserved in his old homestead at Frankfort, Ohio.

C. C. MOXLEY. Agricultural conditions in Ross County have changed to such an extent during the past several decades that the enterprising farmer has been compelled to change in large degree his methods of treating the soil. New discoveries have been made, powerful machinery has been invented and new innovations introduced, and he who would reap the most beneficial results from his property must keep himself fully conversant with the changes and developments of the times. Among Ross County's progressive agriculturists, one who has gained a full measure of success, largely through an appreciation of the value of new and improved methods, is C. C. Moxley, whose handsome

property is located in Paint Township, on Greenfield Rural Route No. 1. Mr. Moxley is not only a skilled farmer, but also deals successfully in stock and real estate, and is as well known in business as he is in agricultural circles.

C. C. Moxley was born near Leesburg, Highland County, Ohio, May 5, 1870, and was six years of age when he was brought to Ross County by his parents, John K. and Lida Moxley. His father, a native of Kentucky, fought as a soldier of the Union during the Civil war, being a sergeant in the Forty-Eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He fought throughout the period of the war, and when he received his honorable discharge it was with a record for bravery and faithfulness of which any man might be proud. At the end of his military service he returned to his Ross County home and again engaged in farming and here continues to make his residence, being now seventy-five years of age. Mrs. Moxley died May 6, 1915, she having been a native of the Empire State. There were three children in the family, but only two survive at this time.

C. C. Moxley was reared on his father's farm in Paint Township, securing his education during the winter terms in the district school of his locality. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-nine years of age, at which time he was married, and started his independent career on a rented farm near Bainbridge. There he resided until 1904, making many improvements and saving his earnings, and in the year mentioned was able to buy the farm on which he now lives, a tract of 136 acres. This he has brought to a high state of cultivation, and on his premises may be found grades of stock of all kinds. Few men, in so short a period of time, have made better use of their opportunities, and he is ranked as one of the most systematic, progressive and substantial agriculturists of his township. Several years ago Mr. Moxley began dealing in live stock, merely as a side line, but this he has built up to be one of the most important branches of his business. While so engaged he became interested in real estate, and having a profound faith in the future of his community invested some capital in property in the locality. He has been the medium through which some important realty transactions have been consummated and is an important factor in handling farm realty.

Mr. Moxley was married January 25, 1899, to Miss Ida Middleton, who was born on the farm on which she now lives, in 1874, and educated in the Ross County schools, a daughter of A. P. and Caroline Middleton. They have one daughter, Gladys, born in 1900, who is now attending the Greenfield High School. Mr. Moxley and family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Greenfield. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Greenfield; the Knights of Pythias, Bainbridge; the Modern Woodmen of America; and the Sons of Veterans. A stalwart republican, he has long been active in politics and for years has been central committeeman of Ross County from Paint Township.

ROBERT REED is a widely known citizen of Ross County. He and his good wife for a number of years have dispensed a generous hospitality and a real service to the local and traveling public at the Palace Hotel in Adelphi.

Mr. Reed is a native of Ross County, born at Kingston May 9, 1874, son of Nelson and Elmira (Marman) Reed. These parents were also natives of Ross County. For a number of years Nelson Reed owned and worked the old Hill farm in Ross County, and then retired to a comfortable home in Kingston, where he died at the age of eighty-eight. His wife lived to be seventy-five. Many of the older residents of Ross County have pleasant memories of Nelson Reed. He is especially remembered for his powerful physique. In fact he was long considered one of the strongest men in the community.

Robert Reed was the thirteenth in a family of fourteen children. Daniel and Rebecca are now deceased; Sarah is the wife of George Brooks; William is a farmer at Frankfort; Samuel is in Adelphi; Anna is the wife of Cliff Scott of Columbus; Ella is the wife of P. D. Brown of Chillicothe; Nan is the wife of Y. Randall; Emma is the wife of George Disk, a merchant at Yellowbud, in Ross County; Tom and Harry are deceased.

Mr. Robert Reed was educated in the public schools at Kingston and from an early age has shown a capacity to do things well and is therefore properly recognized as a successful man.

August 28, 1902, he married Miss Bessie Dunn. Mrs. Reed was the fourth daughter in a family of eight children, seven daughters and one son, born to James and Martha (Smith) Dunn of Portsmouth, Ohio. A brief record of her sisters and brother is as follows: Nora, wife of Henry Burgess of Portsmouth; Molly, wife of Ed Ridgehouse of Wheelersburg; Sarah, wife of Frank Wheeler of Ironton; Eunice, wife of J. Higgins, of Ironton; Nellie, wife of Bert Tope of Oak Hill; and James Dunn of Portsmouth. Mrs. Reed was reared and educated at Portsmouth. Her maternal grandfather, James Smith, came from West Virginia and was an early settler at Oak Hill, Ohio. He lived to be ninety-eight years of age, while her grandfather Dunn reached the venerable age of ninety-two. The Palace Hotel, of which Mr. and Mrs. Reed are the proprietors, is the leading hostelry of the town. Mr. Reed has shown the qualities of the affable and genial landlord and everyone who comes to his house is pleased with the service rendered and becomes a lasting friend of the Palace. Mr. Reed is affiliated with the Order of Eagles at Chillicothe and with the Cornplater Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men at Adelphi.

MRS. BENJAMIN WALKER, whose home is at Gillespieville in Liberty Township, is a member of a very old and prominent family of Ross County, and her own lifetime of fully three quarters of a century has been spent within its limits.

Her maiden name was Jones. She was born in Liberty Township, on the Londonderry Pike, April 16, 1841. Her parents were Jacob and

Elizabeth (Clayton) Jones. Jacob Jones, who was born in New Jersey, was the youngest in a family of eleven children, their father being Thomas Jones. Thomas Jones brought his family to Ross County at a very early day, and was one of the leading settlers in influence as well as in time in Liberty Township. A large number of the Jones name and relationship located in that section of Ross County, and the place of their location was long known as the Jones Settlement. Members of this large and prominent family acquired land from the Government, and went through all the hardships attendant upon making homes in the wilderness. Jacob Jones grew up in that community and married Elizabeth Clayton, who was also a native of Liberty Township. They spent the rest of their years on the old homestead established by Thomas Jones, and there Jacob managed the cultivation of about 300 acres. He was prosperous and a man of no little influence in his community. The lasting influence of the Quaker religion in that section can be traced in an important degree to members of the Jones family, and Jacob Jones was one of the leaders in that church and did much to upbuild and strengthen the influence of his denomination. For many years he held an office in the Friends Church, in Liberty Township. Jacob Jones and wife were the parents of four children: Mary, now deceased, married Thomas Schooley; Hope, deceased, married S. Haddle; Rebecca is now Mrs. Benjamin Walker; Margaret, deceased, married Joseph Clyde.

Miss Rebecca Jones grew up on the old homestead in Liberty Township, attended the district schools, and was quite young when she was first married. On June 10, 1860, she became the bride of Mahlon L. Dixon. To their marriage were born seven children: Eugenia, now deceased, who married Ezeriah Peecher; Homer, who lives with his mother; Edgar, a resident of Seymour, Indiana; Edna, wife of Jeremiah Ratliff of Liberty Township; Walter; Fulton, of Dayton, Ohio; and Aurette, deceased, who married Elmer Steigler.

After the death of Mr. Dixon his widow married in October, 1878, the late Benjamin Walker, a well known resident of Ross County, who died in 1898. Since his death Mrs. Walker has occupied the old home near Gillespieville.

After her marriage to Mr. Dixon they lived for a number of years on Salt Creek, in Liberty Township, and at the time of his death they had a farm of 400 acres. This farm was subsequently sold, and Mrs. Jones then removed to Londonderry. The late Mr. Dixon was a very active church man and also stood high in political circles. Benjamin Walker was an active Quaker, and in politics a republican. Mrs. Walker is a birthright Quaker and has always been one of the active members of the Friends Church in her community.

CALEB CASE ALLEN. In the annals of Ross County, no name holds a more noteworthy position than that of the late Caleb Case Allen, who during the middle part of the last century, was a prominent figure in the business life of Chillicothe, contributing largely toward the development and advancement of its highest and best interests. Coming on both sides of his family from honored New England ancestry, he was born, July 11,

1814, in Westerly, Rhode Island, a son of John Allen. His grandfather, Joseph Allen, born April 27, 1756, died January 20, 1830. He married Sarah Tillinghast, who was born April 13, 1760, and died March 26, 1852. Sarah (Tillinghast) Allen, the grandmother of Caleb Case Allen, was a descendant in the fifth generation of Elder Pardon Tillinghast, the emigrant ancestor, the line being continued through the following named ancestors: Pardon Tillinghast, John Tillinghast, Benjamin Tillinghast, and Sarah Tillinghast.

Elder Pardon Tillinghast was born in England in 1622, and came to America in 1643, just after attaining his majority. A man of energy and enterprise, he settled in Rhode Island, and as a merchant and a preacher, he figured conspicuously in the early history of the Providence Plantations. It is said that he built the first dock and the first warehouse there, and he is also accredited with having been the first merchant to establish trade between Providence and foreign ports. He lived to a venerable age, dying January 20, 1718. The maiden name of his wife was Lydia Taber.

Pardon Tillinghast, born in Providence, Rhode Island, February 16, 1666, married Mary Keech, and settled at East Greenwich, Rhode Island, where his death occurred, October 15, 1743. John Tillinghast, born in 1690, married Phoebe Green, and died October 21, 1777. Judge Benjamin Tillinghast, born in 1776, died July 18, 1817, while yet in the prime of life. The maiden name of his wife was Sarah James. Their daughter, Sarah Tillinghast, married Joseph Allen, as mentioned above.

John Allen, father of Caleb Case Allen, was born at Exeter, Rhode Island, October 7, 1785, and was there brought up and educated. Settling permanently in New York, he established himself in business at Batavia, where he resided until his death, September 28, 1855. The maiden name of his wife was Honor Maria Howard. Her father was for many years engaged in foreign trade, and one of his vessels, the *Prude*, was destroyed by the French during the War of 1812, and his descendants should have received a part of the fund paid out as French Spoliation Claims. Mr. and Mrs. John Allen reared six children, as follows: John Howard, George Weaver, Sarah Ann, Honor Maria, James T., and Caleb Case. John Howard Case, the first born, was graduated from West Point. He established a military academy in Oxford, Maryland, and later established one at Chillicothe, which was discontinued about 1859. George Weaver Case, who made his home in Columbus, was the author of the homestead law enacted by Congress.

Obtaining his early education in the schools of Westerly, Rhode Island, and at Batavia, New York, Caleb Case Allen came to Chillicothe in early manhood, and ere many years had passed he had attained a position of note among the citizens of influence and prominence. While living in Batavia, he was actively interested in military affairs, serving as captain of a company of militia attached to the One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Regiment, Sixth Brigade, Twenty-seventh Division of the Militia of the State of New York. In Chillicothe Mr. Allen established a prosperous business as a hardware merchant, and for a time published

the Chillicothe Intelligencer, one of the leading papers of the city at that day. He also published the Scioto Gazette for a number of years, which was the leading newspaper of the township at the time of the war. He also published a temperance paper. He made extensive investments in city property, and built the Allen Block. Influential in politics, he was one of the organizers of the republican party, and in 1857 was the candidate for his party for secretary of state. He died at a comparatively early age, his death occurring July 11, 1858.

On July 12, 1841, Mr. Allen married Mary English, who was born March 9, 1814. Her father, James English, born at Shippensburg, Pennsylvania August 9, 1768, was an early settler of Chillicothe, and one of its pioneer lumber dealers. He married, February 7, 1799, Rachel Wood Sadler, who was born on the eastern shore of Maryland, September 12, 1776, a daughter of William and Frances Sadler. Mr. and Mrs. Allen reared five children, namely: Myrtle Maria, who died at the age of twenty-six years; William English died at the age of seventeen years; James Howard, who died at the age of thirty-one years; Caleb Augustus, died at the age of forty-three; and Mary Etta Trimble, the only member of the family now living.

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